



Contents

Message from the Editor	1
Upcoming Events	1
Lets Paint the town Pink	2
Care Bill Introduced	3
Alaska State Regulations	3
Letter from the President	4
ODIA	4
Job Bank	4
ASRT AHOD	5
Students Corner	5
C.A.R.E. Bill - H.R.3652	5
AKSRT Officers	5

Upcoming Events

- ◆ October is Breast Cancer and Sonography Awareness Month.
- ◆ November 8 -14 is Radiologic Technology Week.

Message from the Editor

October 15, 2009

Our Alaskan Summer is over and we are well into Fall with Winter certainly just around the corner. Cecilia and I had good intentions of getting this e-Newsletter out to you during the month of September or at the latest, early on in October! Technical difficulties and delays receiving information created havoc with coordinating our schedules so this was not to be! We have once again remained committed, albeit delayed, to share news of our profession. I am certain each facility has been doing exciting things! It would be interesting to hear from you all!

This e-Newsletter is your easy method to communicate across the state!

We would much appreciate hearing from you and publishing "what's going on"! I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone to be sure you have winterized your cars, homes and wardrobes!

The UAA Radiologic Technology Program has new students and classes are in session as well as clinical

placements. Please make the students feel welcome and share your knowledge with them!

Hopefully you have all spread the word for October-Breast Cancer and Sonography Awareness Month!

National Radiologic Technology Week is right around the corner- November 8-14. It would be fun to hear what each of you did to celebrate!

We will continue our attempts for our membership to provide contributions to this e-Newsletter and encourage you all to become more involved with our professions!

Please let us hear from you!

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

Lets Paint the town Pink - Fairbanks & North Pole



October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Again, the Breast Cancer Detection Center (BCDC) would like to lead a “Paint the Town Pink” campaign that will commemorate and show support for the breast cancer survivors of both Fairbanks and North Pole; and will bring awareness of the need for mammograms and regular self breast exams. We want to encourage all businesses to provide their support by decorating their shops and selling items that bring awareness of breast cancer to the public. Participating businesses may call BCDC at 479-3909 for one of our judges to come out, view your decorations, and take pictures. Good luck to all of you! To celebrate the month BCDC has events lined up with more ideas coming every day.

October 1, 2009 - The Breast Cancer Detection Center will hang pink ribbons down Cushman Ave. and down Airport Way for National Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and to commemorate and support local breast cancer survivors.

October 2, 2009 - The Breast Cancer Detection Center will be holding our Fifth Annual Gala Hat Affair Luncheon at The Princess Hotel, Edgewater Room.

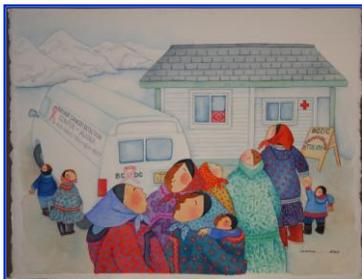
October 9, 2009 - BCDC will be hosting a Breast Health Clinic for women who are interested in learning more about breast self exams and breast health. The class will include a lecture and practice session using lump detection models. The instruction will be provided by Jo Miller PA/C (certified physicians assistant) who is a certified clinical breast examiner through the National Consortium of Breast Centers. There will be door prizes and gifts for attendees. The one-hour class starts at 6pm and will be held at BCDC. Call 479-3909 to save a seat.

October 14, 2009 - Throughout the month of October, Safeway will lead a campaign to raise money for breast cancer and again this year the funds are to be donated to BCDC! One of their events will be a “Pasta Bar and Auction” held on October 14, 2009 at the West Mark Hotel from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Featured will be prints of the Barbara Lavalley painting, “A Clinical Approach” and Barbara Lavalley will be at the event to personalize and sign prints. The cost for tickets is \$20.00 in advance, \$25.00 at the door.

October 14 and 15, 2009 - Barbara Lavalley will be available at Thriftiques Antiques for a print signing from 4-7pm.

October 16, 2009 - Barbara Lavalley will be at the book signing of her newest book, “The Knitting of Elizabeth Amelia” and will be signing prints of “A Clinical Approach” which will be for sale at the three Safeway store locations, Gulliver’s Books and at BCDC.

October 21, 2009 - BCDC will have an information booth set up at the Fairbanks Memorial Clinics’ Employee and Volunteer Health Fair from 8-5pm.



ASRT Update CARE Bill Introduced in the 111th Congress

News Release

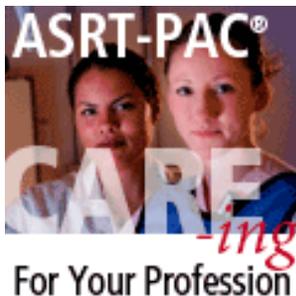
September 25, 2009

ALBUQUERQUE - The American Society of Radiologic Technologists announced today that the CARE bill (HR 3652) was introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. John Barrow, D-Ga. The Consistency, Accuracy, Responsibility and Excellence in Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy bill would set certification standards in the Medicare program for the technical personnel providing, planning and delivering all medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy.

"The Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act, which passed in 2008, was a great first step toward ensuring that medical imaging is performed by qualified personnel," said ASRT President Diane Mayo, R.T.(R)(CT). MIPPA mandates that facilities performing computed tomography, magnetic resonance, positron emission technology and nuclear medicine services for Medicare patients must be accredited by an organization that meets standards set by the secretary of health and human services in order to be eligible for the technical component of reimbursement. However, MIPPA only covers 30 percent of the medical imaging procedures completed in the United States.

"We believe that the CARE bill completes MIPPA's goal of setting quality standards for all medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals," ASRT Vice President of Government Relations and Public Policy Christine J. Lung, CAE, said. "The CARE bill will cover the other 70 percent of medical imaging procedures conducted in the United States, which are x-ray, fluoroscopy and ultrasound. The bill would make sure they are performed by qualified and certified medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals."

For more information about the CARE bill, visit www.asrt.org/CARE.



Alaska State Regulation

A [new state regulation](#) requires anyone who operates a fluoroscope, including c-arms, to complete 10 hours of education. 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](#)

*Providing the
Alaska
Technologist with
a source of
information and
Opportunities*

AKSRT

Annual Governance House of Delegates ASRT Meeting



June 11 to the 14, Albuquerque hosted the Twenty-fourth Session of the ASRT House of Delegates at the Marriot Hotel in warm New Mexico. The AKSRT Delegates were Scott Smith RT(R) and Cecilia Del Rio RT(R). Our report can be found on the website. It was, once again, a wonderful experience to serve as Delegate for our State. I do encourage our members to participate in the Society as board or committee chairs. Get involved to be part of something bigger. You can always check for more information on the ASRT website under Delegates Report. Once again, thank you for the opportunity to represent our society. More photos can be seen on the AKSRT Website.



Scott and Cecilia, Delegates of the AKSRT on a break during the Second Session of the AHOD.

Letter from the President

Greetings fellow Technologists,

The days are shorter, cold is approaching but we keep warmth in our hearts. October is Breast Cancer Awareness month; multiple activities are happening all around the country. We all have been touched by cancer in one form or another. We finally have a website working. Please, be patient until we have the “glitches” worked out. Do not hesitate to contact the [webmaster](#) for links that are not working or pages that do not function appropriately.

I am giddy with excitement: **We have a CARE bill!** H.R. 3652 was introduced by Rep. John Barrow. Check www.thomas.gov for more information.

Now we need your help, get on that computer or phone and start contacting the representatives’ offices, and anyone else you know and ask them to contact their representatives. Remember, it’s important to build the cosponsor list quickly. We can do it! Our senator Lisa **Murkowski** can be reached by calling the Capitol Switchboard phone number **202-224-3121** and they can connect you to her office directly. Just a couple of minutes is all you need. I called and it only took 3 rings to have a very nice lady answer and she connected me immediately. It was incredibly easy to do. I

used the information we are providing on the next page and just gave my honest opinion that Alaska and the country needs to have educated people doing radiation procedures.

Please, take the phone and call and encourage your friends and family to do the same.

On another Happy note, we will celebrate during November 8 to the 14 Radiologic Technology Week, so don’t forget to congratulate your fellow coworkers, friends, colleagues, students and just everyone who shares in one way or another our passion for imaging, education and patient care.

I have been privileged to be selected as part of the ASRT Minutes Approval Committee. I am honored to accept and next year I will participate on a deeper level in the ASRT governance process of the House of Delegates. I thank Donna Thaler Long, M.S.M., R.T.(R)(M)(QM), FASRT, ASRT Speaker of the House for thinking of me as a candidate and especially Isabel Rascón, Governance Assistant for her guidance during the acceptance process. Have a happy and healthy autumn. And again, thank you for your support as your AKSRT President.

Cecilia

[Online Imaging
Digital Academy](#)

**FREE for
Technologists
and Students**



*Looking for Job
opportunities?
Look under the
ASRT [Job Bank®](#)
For more
information!*

We're on the Web!
www.AKSRT.com

Alaska Society of
 Radiologic Technologists
 PO Box 142751
 Anchorage, AK 99514

E-mail: Secretary
afks1@uaa.alaska.edu

AKSRT Officers



SOCIETY OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: [Cecilia Del Rio](#)
 VICE-PRESIDENT: [Robert McClung](#)
 SECRETARY: [Kathryn Slagle](#)
 TREASURER: [Samuel Christy](#)

AKSRT COMMITTEES

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE 2010

Donna Rufsholm

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Chair Person:

Donna Rufsholm,

Co-Chair: Rhonda Merrihew

Claudia Tessier

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Rhonda Merrihew,

BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Peggy Garey

INCORPORATION

Dale Collins

NEWSLETTER CO-ORDINATORS

Claudia Tessier

Cecilia Del Rio

Students Corner



We welcome the First year
 students, class of 2011.

ANCHORAGE

Jade Baisch, Denise Baldwin,
 Michaela Brooks, Chad Byrd,
 Stephanie Fleetwood, Amanda
 Haupt-Chronister, Annie Lechia
 Herrington, Hughes, Virginia
 Mosley, Tami O'Brien, Joshua
 Sharrow, George Sobottka, Ben
 Sydnam and Joseph Welch.

FAIRBANKS

Laura Brock, Janene Vesper, Steven
 Norris, Terence Rallo and Marla
 Statscewich .

KENAI

Shawna Bykonen and Star McGlasson.

BETHEL

Sarah Pearson.

KETCHIKAN

Angela Szurleys



The Fairbanks, Class
 of 2010.

Ben Johnson, Iryna
 Green, Julie
 Fairchild, Mashiko
 Morita (Masa)

C.A.R.E. Bill - H.R.3652

Title: To amend the Public Health Service Act and title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly.

Sponsor: [Rep Barrow, John](#) [GA-12] (introduced 9/25/2009) Cosponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 9/25/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

TITLE(S): *(italics indicate a title for a portion of a bill)*

- **SHORT TITLE(S) AS INTRODUCED:**
 Consistency, Accuracy, Responsibility, and Excellence in Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Act of 2009
- **OFFICIAL TITLE AS INTRODUCED:**
 To amend the Public Health Service Act and title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly.