

OREGON CANCER REGISTRARS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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President's Message:

Hi Everyone

It is hard to believe that I am the new President of this organization.

I appreciate the Executive Committees that have come before, and I already have a greater respect for those that have previously served.

The promise of spring is in the air as I write this, and we have a promise of a good year for OCRA. I aspire to be an effective President and will rely on the members of OCRA to make this a good year for all of us.

I am hopeful that we can update and upgrade our website, so that it is a little more 21st century. There is an ad-hoc committee in place, and they have been given some instructions on what to investigate. It may not happen this year, but I hope we come up with a model and method to improve the website.

Deeanna is our new newsletter editor; this will be her 1st OCRA newsletter and I want to thank her for volunteering for this fun job. I enjoyed editing the newsletter for a few years, and very happy to pass the torch to Deeanna.

The dates have been set for the fall workshop in October, the 8th and 9th. We decided on a two day workshop since there is the TMN training in March. The Education Committee is working hard to produce a great workshop. We hope many of you will attend. This is your workshop and it is not all about CE's (although that is important), it is about our business meeting, the installation of Offices, networking with each other, learning new things and last, but not least, connecting with OSCaR.

I want to encourage those of you who are members of OCRA to encourage those who are not, to join the club; this is your organization and the Executive Committee wants your voices to be heard. Please let us know of any questions, concerns, ideas, suggestions, praise, etc.

Be heard. Thank you

Shannon Ramos

2015 OCRA President



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CANCER IN THE NEWS:

In Nevada, a Controversy in the wind

By: Deborah Blum NY Times

For the past few years, the geologists Brenda Buck and Rodney Metcalf have combed the wild terrain of southern Nevada, analyzing its stony dunes and rocky outcroppings — and to their dismay, tallying mounting evidence of a landscape filled with asbestos.

Asbestos occurs naturally in many parts of the country, mostly in the West but also along some mountain ranges in the East. But in Nevada, the scientists found, natural erosion and commercial development were sending the fibers into the wind.

Worried about the possible health risks, Dr. Buck and Dr. Metcalf, professors of geoscience at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, reached out to experts in asbestos-related diseases. With data from Nevada's cancer registry, an epidemiologist prepared a preliminary report that outlined what she felt was a troubling pattern of mesothelioma — a cancer often related to asbestos exposure — among residents of the affected areas.

Continue Reading the story:http://www.nytimes.com/2015/02/10/science/a-controversy-in-the-wind.html?smid=pl-share&_r=2

Public Health:

Dense Breast Tissue

During the 2013 legislative session, Senate Bill 420 was passed which directs health care facilities offering mammography services to provide an advisement in the form prescribed by the Oregon Health Authority to patients with dense breast tissue. Specific advisement language is required, including the possibility of the need for supplemental imaging based on the patient's risk factors. This information is to be provided within the lay person summary mammography report issued to the patient. This rule became effective January 1, 2014

Continue Reading more on this Rule
<https://public.health.oregon.gov/HealthyEnvironments/RadiationProtection/xray/Pages/dense-breast-tissue.aspx>

2015 NCRA CTR Exam:

- February 28– March 21 (application deadline January 31)
- June 20-July 11 (application deadline May 29)
- October 17-November 7 (application deadline September 18)

www.ctrexam.org



CTR Exam Scholarship:

As a reminder for anyone who is planning on taking the exam there is a scholarship available.

Michele Henson Memorial Scholarship through OCRA.

Pays for cost of exam up to the NCRA members' cost.

Applications on OCRA website.

[Www.ocra-oregon.org](http://www.ocra-oregon.org)



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

NCRA 2015

NCRA will bring its 41st Annual Educational Conference to the San Antonio Marriott River center in San Antonio, Texas, May 20-23 2015.

OCRA Workshop 2015

Oregon Cancer Registrars' Workshop
Portland, OR October 8-9, 2015
OHSU Center for Health and Healing

NCRA 2016

Las Vegas, NV
April 10-13, 2016

An Epic Ride to Conquer Cancer

Mike Karnosh will be riding to conquer cancer presented by Silver Wheaton benefiting BC cancer foundation. He is trying to raise \$3,200 riding for his mother a former cancer registrar at Salem & OHSU.

I am riding for my mother who was diagnosed with Stage 4 breast cancer in late 2014. For this reason, I've chosen to direct all the funds I raise on this ride specifically toward breast cancer research and prevention. Your tax-deductible donation today will help fund the needed research and prevention tools to conquer breast cancer in the Pacific Northwest and beyond.

My mother's faith in the Lord has kept her fighting strong and in a positive way throughout her battle. She would like me to share her story with as many people as possible so that someone, anyone, can be spared what she is going through. In her words, "If even one life is saved it'll be worth it."

Thank you in advance for your help,

Mike

To read more of Mike's story and make a donation click on the links below

[http://www.conquercancer.ca/site/TR/Events/Vancouver2015?
px=3828014&pg=personal&fr_id=1524](http://www.conquercancer.ca/site/TR/Events/Vancouver2015?px=3828014&pg=personal&fr_id=1524)

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Job Notifications

- ◆ Providence, Portland Medical Center in Portland, OR. Full-time Registrar. Department: Tumor/Cancer Registry. Day shift.

Apply at: <http://bit.ly/Registrar76083>

Announcement

Congratulations to our Fall workshop raffle winner:

Kelly Denniston (Providence)

Newsletter submissions:

Have a idea that would make a great article for the newsletter?

or

Do you want to make an announcement?

Submit your ideas to:
Deeanna Patton

deezgooglin@gmail.com

Submission deadline:
May 29, 2015

Cancer Registrars' Making a Difference

2015 Elected Officials:

President: Shannon Ramos, CTR

President Elect: Catherine Gunn, CTR

Treasurer: Lori Lucente, BS, CTR

Secretary: Carol Funk, CTR

Past President: Bonnie Kubli, CTR

