

OREGON CANCER REGISTRARS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



President's Message

From the Prez 2014

I have asked myself a dozen times lately "Where does the time go?" Again, as I pass the gavel to our 2015 president Shannon Ramos, I am thinking how fast this year seemed to fly by.

It has been an honor to hold office in our organization and I want to thank you for your support. I would especially like to thank the Executive Committee for their dedication and commitment to OCRA.

The Fall Conference in Klamath Falls was so very interesting. Well done Connie and Carol! Plans are already underway for next year hosted by OHSU. I would also like to encourage you to step out of your safety zones and consider holding an office position in 2016. You will be glad you did and surprised at how much you will enjoy it. Think of it as an opportunity to grow both personally and professionally. There is always someone to lend a hand if you need help. The rewards are great; and you can strengthening the organization with your fresh ideas and inspiration.

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Merry Christmas to each of you and have a safe and
Happy New Year.
Bonnie

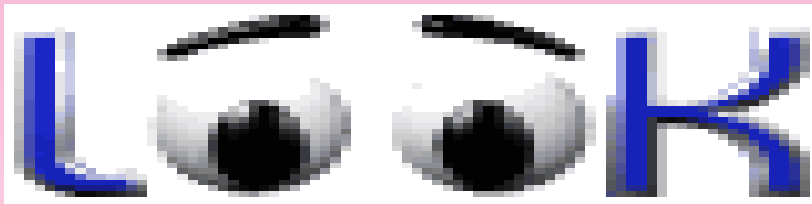
CTR exam scholarships:

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

MICHELE HENSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP available thru ORCA which pays for the cost of the exam up to the NCRA members' cost.

APPLICATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE OCRA WEBSITE:

<http://www.ocra-oregon.org>



Interesting Tidbits

<http://koin.com/2014/10/24/ohsu-to-use-public-as-drug-trial-guinea-pigs/>

[FDA Approves Somatuline Depot \(Lanreotide\) for Certain Neuroendocrine Tumors](#)

[FDA Approves Cyramza \(Ramucirumab\) for Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer](#)

Registry News

Ronald McDonald House donations from the Workshop given to Martha Curl

Today I dropped off our donations. One large Ziploc bag of pop tabs, 2 nice sized boxes of all those soaps and shampoos etc and the cash \$210.00 from the ice bucket challenge. They were very appreciative of the donations and in need of all those soaps and shampoos. Just yesterday on Wish List Wednesday, the RMH had those items on their list. So the timing of the donation was good.

Submitted by: Martha Curl, CTR

Providence Health & Services November 2014 Survey info and congrats to the PH&S team

Well, the holiday season is upon us and our survey is over. Providence Portland & Providence St. Vincent were surveyed this month. Who was our surveyor you ask? Dr Joel D. Ohlsen, retired Radiation Oncologist from Colorado. He was very nice & supportive. There were several things he focused on which included:

- CAP Protocols

- Registry Education (have all registrars attended NCRA within the 3 year cycle)

- NCDB Data Submissions (being clean on first submission)

- Cancer Committee (alternates with same status as assigned member including the CLP)

- Community Outreach Efforts

- RQRS and new sites being added

- New measures being added in 2015

As far as the registry goes, I would just like to do a shout out about us. As the saying goes, **“We have come along way Baby”**. In the 15 years, that I have been employed at PSV, we have been the best we have ever been. We are current and timely in our abstracting for all six facilities, which include: PPMC, PSV, PMH, PNH, PSH, WFH and now adding Hood River. We have also added RQRS and are concurrent with breast, colorectal cases and sounds like we will be adding new sites in 2015.

We can do this, thanks to our great staff which includes: **Carol, Janice, Jim, Kelly, Lidia, Lori, Martha, Molly, Sharon, Shelley, and Tammy & Tatyana.**

With that great staff comes a lot of years of experience, which is all coordinated by a fantastic boss, **Laurie Skokan, PhD**, who has managed the registry for 20 years. Among the 10 cancer registrars, we have **158 years** of experience over all and **98** of those years are at Providence. Can I give another shout out? **That is just AWESOME!** (Janice is new and Kelly in training)

Submitted by: Martha Curl, CTR

OCRA now has a face book page. See the link below, or when you are in face book, in the search field type in Oregon Cancer Registrars Association.

If you are a face book subscriber you should join it is a great way to stay connected.

https://www.facebook.com/OregonCancerRegistrarsAssociation?ref=aymt_homepage_panel

Thank you, Deeanna

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

This is my last message as the Newsletter editor. I have been the editor since 2012 and am ready to call it quits. I have enjoyed writing the newsletter and will be glad to pass on this task to the new Editor, Deeanna Patton. She will start with the 1st newsletter in 2015.

Thank you to all who encouraged me and gave me feedback on the newsletter.

I hope you all enjoyed the newsletter as much as I enjoyed writing it. I am positive that Deeanna will have the enthusiasm to keep the newsletter interesting and informative and fun.

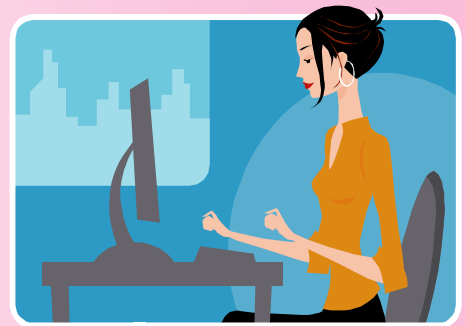
And Last I end with an apology that this is late. Christmas has come so fast that the time got away from me, but here it is at last!!

Thanks again!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Have a great Holiday Season

Shannon



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