

OCRA Newsletter

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The President's Message

Greetings, I hope this finds everybody well and knee-deep in summer fun. I still cannot believe how quickly time passes. Spring is already behind us, NCRA has come and gone, and there is no doubt in my mind that each of you have had a calendar already filled with summer activities.

Many Metriq users had a rocky April and May with the outage that lasted 7 weeks. For Providence Oregon that constitutes about 1750 cases that did not get completed during that time frame. But just like the 2018 changes, the 2020 covid fields and the 2021 changes, we will persevere as usual. Rest assured, there will always be a surplus of work to do. The Executive Committee is still meeting on even months. It is business as usual going over financial reports and individual committee updates. Please continue to consider volunteering in some capacity. The Nominating Committee will be gearing up soon to recruit next term positions. As a reminder, running for President is a 3-year commitment with the first year as President-Elect, the second as acting President, and the third year as Past-President. I know it seems like a lot, but it really is manageable and not the busiest

of positions. Treasurer and Secretary positions are a 2-year term occurring in opposite elections years. Personally, I think the Treasurer and Secretary positions require most of the work on the Executive Committee. They both do require good organizational skills, but all CTR's must be organized as it is so you've got the skills already. Please think about it.

The Executive Committee is still going over the specifics regarding the proposed one-day workshop which is tentatively set for November 4th. More to come.

OCRA participated in the NCRA State Basket Raffle with a \$250.00 Visa Gift Card who was won by Mary Jo Mahoney from Louisville, Kentucky. The State Basket Raffle was a big hit again with 29 participating entities and over \$15,000.00 in ticket sales. Our own Martha Curl won the Illinois State Basket. Congratulations!

Until next time. Be safe and enjoy all of life's treasures. Happy summer.
Shelley Lindsey, CTR, 2021 OCRA President



(Pine cone man made by Shelley Lindsey, CTR)

NCRA OCRA Raffle Basket

OCRA had participated in NCRA's basket raffle again this year for virtual NCRA meeting. Last year was a record at \$10k and this year was even better. Not only did I win a basket but OCRA won too. NCRA brought in almost \$18k and OCRA just received

their check for \$332.09. We participated by sending in the \$250 Visa gift card. By participating we made \$82.09. Hope you all had a wonderful and safe July 4th holiday.

Here is the **winner of the Oregon basket**. Her smile says it all! Mary Jo

Mahoney, CTR, from Louisville Kentucky, was the lucky winner of our Oregon basket at NCRA. She won the \$250 Visa gift card and also received one of our OCRA notepads. Congratulations! Martha Curl, CTR OCRA Treasurer



NCRA OCRA Raffle Basket/ Etc. Continued



Memorandum

To: All 2021 Participants of NCRA's Basket Raffle Program

From: Nancy Allen, Director of Operations & Danielle McGraw, Executive Administrative Asst.

Date: June 30, 2021

Subject: Participant's Donation Check

Thank you so much for participating in this year's annual basket raffle program. We had another banner year in raffle ticket sales. An article will be published in the next issue of *The Connection* highlighting the basket raffle program and the winners of the state baskets.

A total of 29 total baskets were raffled this year, with 27 of the baskets representing State Associations, 1 basket representing the offices of CDC/NPCR and 1 basket representing NCRA with generous donations from the CTRs at Syapse.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$332.09. This represents your State Association's donation for participating in the basket raffle program. \$17,933 was received from the sale of basket raffle tickets – with 50% going towards future educational efforts and 50% donated back to the State Associations who participated in the program.

Note: If your State Association participated in the Group Discount program in 2021, the rebate check will be sent mid to late July.



This is Martha's basket from Illinois. A wooden flower arrangement and 2 \$100 gift cards, 1 Visa & 1 Amazon. Thanks Illinois Cancer Registrars Association!



Happy 55th birthday Lori

Lori Lucente being treated like a Queen for her 55th birthday from her Providence Team.

Oregon Cancer Registrar's Association

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Join as an Active Member

Certified Cancer Registrars or persons whose primary occupation is involved with any or all facets of cancer registry work.

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Join as an Associate Member

Persons who do not meet the requirements for an active membership (but have a definite interest in OCRA by way of employment or profession).

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• [OCRA 2021 membership application form \(pdf\)](#)

If you prefer you can complete the OCRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM and submit a check, cash, or money order to the OCRA Treasurer.

ABOUT OCRA

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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UPCOMING EVENTS

There are no upcoming events at this time.

ALREADY A MEMBER?

[Log in](#)

OCRA Members Scholarship and Reminders

As an OCRA member you are eligible to apply for the Michele Henson Memorial Scholarship. Please visit the website (see below of where to find it) and complete the application. www.Ocra-oregon.org

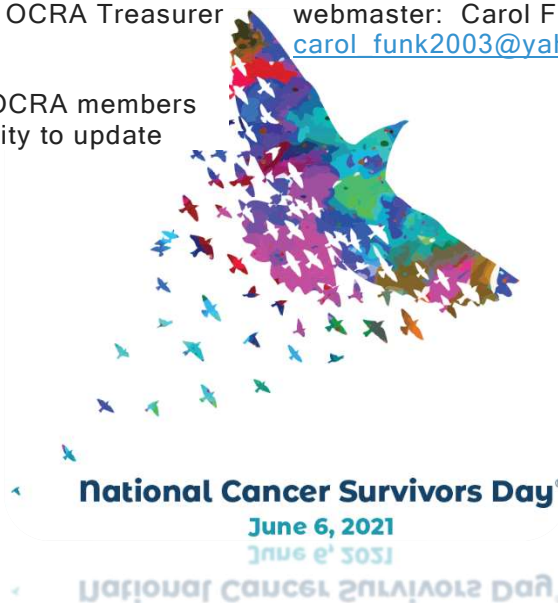
If you can complete it and scan all of the required information in one document that makes it easier for me, OCRA Treasurer.

IMPORTANT
DATE: Deadline is August 31, 2021 but why delay. You can send in the documentation at any point and the winners will be announced after the executive committee following. Please let me know if you have any questions or need assistance. Thanks Martha Curl, CTR, OCRA Treasurer

Reminder
It is each OCRA members responsibility to update

your own profile. That includes your credentials, email, address and phone. When the gift was sent out for NCRW I had received several back without good addresses and had to remail out. By keeping them updated, it is less of an expense for OCRA. If you have any problems doing this please reach out to the webmaster: Carol Funk at carol_funk2003@yahoo.com

2021 August's Cancer Awareness' Ribbon



A Couple of Text Tips

A little tip I'd like to share for all those typing text into an abstract with a Microsoft Word Document. Type in your text and then copy and paste it into an abstract, then highlight it and just above in the home tab for "Font" there is an "A" with an eraser just slightly underneath it. Click on this "A" with the eraser and it will erase all the

hidden extras and copy just the text over to the abstract. This simple tip will help clean the data before the abstracts are transmitted to the state, NCDB, and etc.

Another handy tip (which I never knew before) is the Aa button in the same home tab just to the left of the A that is underlined in a color

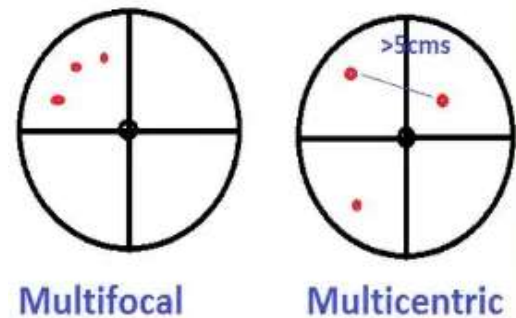
(mine is underlined in red) there is a drop-down arrow that you can choose an uppercase or lowercase text, I like to use the lowercase to type an email and forget to change it back to cap lock again, and without deleting my text I use this handy little tip to fix my text. Shared by Tracy Pedersen, CTR from Providence.

Multicentric vs Multifocal

Multifocal disease is when there are two (or more) masses within the same quadrant, or at the borders of that quadrant (12, 3, 6, 9). For example, a mass at 12:00 and a mass at 2:00 would be Multifocal disease. Multicentric disease is when there are two masses (or

more) in different quadrants. For example, a mass at 12:00 and a mass at 5:00.

I have never heard or read an explanation that made sense, but for some reason today it did! I just thought I would share with all of you! By Nicole Davis, CTR



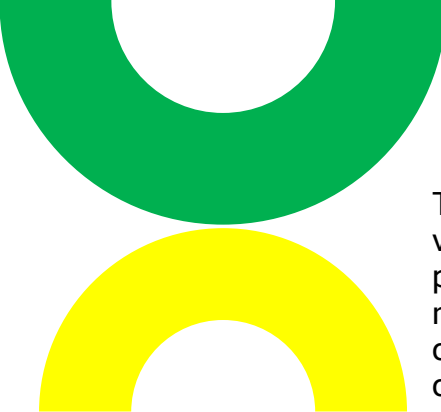
IACR 10.12-14.2021

As many of you know, I am obsessed w/ international travel, countries, etc. We had a whole fall workshop around it! So, to my surprise, I got an email that the IARC (International Association of Cancer Registries) is opening their annual meeting virtually - and its FREE! While I would much rather travel to France, Buenos Aires, Cork, or any other place there were going to have it, the opportunity sounds amazing!

So here is the link if you want to attend for FREE!

Nicole Davis, CTR <https://abbey.eventsair.com/iacr-2021/virtual-registration-page/Site/Register>





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Reports! Data! Distinguished Member Award (DMA)!

Does anybody have reports that they pull for physicians, committee, etc.? These reports are useful to pathologists, surgeons, oncologists, radiation oncologist, etc. Do you have an idea of a report you would like to run with your data but don't know how/where to begin? Please let Nicole (ndavis@peacehealth.org) know. She is working on a

presentation for our education day around reports.

DMA

Please submit a nomination form for our *Distinguished Member Award*. You can find the application and more information regarding past winners here: <https://www.ocra-oregon.org/resources/distinguished-member-awards/>



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OCRA EDUCATION IS BACK

November 4th, 2021

Join your OCRA members for a 1-day virtual workshop.

Schedule and more information to come! Mark your calendars now!

*OCRA Annual Business meeting will be on same day during a long lunch break.

