



# OREGON CANCER REGISTRARS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

## President's Message

Greetings OCRA Friends,

Many of our members were able to attend NCRA in Nashville this year. We had a few challenges there without wifi, but even so, I think everyone who attended felt that there were some great speakers and valuable information shared. I was particularly interested in hearing Asa Carter from CoC review the new Standards and clarify a few points. One continuing theme throughout the conference was that our work is valuable and quality reporting is essential. There was a lot of focus on NCDB, RQRS and implementing the new Standards.

A lot of work is being done on our Fall Workshop. It will be a great learning experience for all of us and I would encourage everyone who is able to attend. I would like to thank Connie Winkler, Carol Hammond and the education committee for all of their hard work on our behalf.

The Michele Henson Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Lorraine Colwell from Legacy Health this year. She has been an OCRA member for four years and achieved her CTR credentials this spring. We congratulate her for all of her accomplishments and contributions to our organization.

Bonnie Kubli

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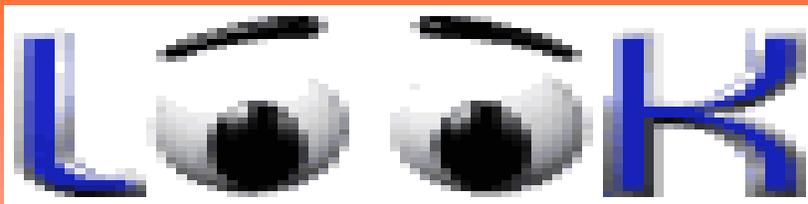
## CTR exam scholarships:

### AND THE SCHOLARSHIP WENT TO.....

Lorraine Colwell from Legacy Health  
Congratulations!! And welcome to the club.

**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

[Woman's cancer killed by measles virus in unprecedented trial](#) (submitted by Kim Young)

[Lipids help to fight leukemia](#) (submitted by Martha Curl)

[US cancer survivors face significant economic burden](#) (submitted by Martha Curl)

[Other items of interest](#) (submitted by Martha Curl)

# Registry News

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As the 2014 OCRA NCRA Scholarship recipient, I would like to say a **HUGE thank you to OCRA** for allowing me to attend NCRA. I had a great time, as some of you know by all my pictures and post on FB. Again, this is my opinion only, although could reflect others opinion, but I was disappointed in the NCRA conference overall. I didn't feel I learned anything and especially nothing to bring back and help do my job better. The handout book was incomplete, there was no WIFI in the conference rooms. Some were able to finally get the info on their laptop or tablet but I was never able to pull up on my Samsung tablet. If you didn't have that as an option and didn't want to spend \$75 for the handouts in a book, you could print your own or you had nothing. It was fantastic seeing a great turnout from Oregon and Washington and sorry I was never able to get a group picture. [I counted 26 registrars from Oregon and Washington with OCRA](#) It has been 10 years since NCRA has been in Oregon, so maybe it will make its way back sometime in the future.

I also set up a display to collect those bath items. It wasn't in the best location but I did get some. Probably cost me more to mail it than it was all worth, but it is the thought and what I enjoy doing. I did get great comments from those that saw it.

## Thanks again OCRA!

Martha Curl, CTR

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Hello OCRA Members,

It is time for our OCRA Distinguished Member Award Nominations. Attached is a copy of the Nomination form and instructions or you can access them from our OCRA website. I would like to encourage you to think of the Cancer Registrars you have worked with over the years. Is there someone who has made an impact on your career? Is there a CTR who has contributed to the Registry Field in ways that may have gone unnoticed? Do you know of a Registrar who should be acknowledged for their leadership? Please consider submitting their names, it is a great way to say thank you for a job well done. The nominations should be sent to our Secretary, Carol Funk at: [Carol.A.Funk@kp.org](mailto:Carol.A.Funk@kp.org) or mail them to her home address: 1470 SE Walnut St Apt. #101 Hillsboro, OR 97123

Thank you for participating,  
Bonnie Kubli

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## Roxanne Kelley's new adventure

June 13<sup>th</sup> will be my last full-time day at Asante Rogue Regional Medical Center. I will continue to be available for questions and assistance on an on-call basis for a short time. Jennifer Johnson will be Interim Coordinator. The position of Cancer Registry Coordinator will be posted. I am happy to say that I participated in successful CoC accreditation surveys at Asante Rogue Regional Medical Center and Providence Medford Medical Center throughout the nearly 15 years I have been at ARMMC. The Registry also does the state reporting for Asante Three Rivers Medical Center and Asante Ashland Community Hospital. During that time I served as secretary for OCRA for a year, and as NCRA Liaison to the Commission on Cancer for three years. Both volunteer opportunities provided insight and involvement in beneficial endeavors.

Prior to that I was a Certified Coding Specialist with Asante for many years and actually oversaw a successful CoC accreditation survey in the early 1980s for Josephine Memorial Hospital, prior to its becoming part of the Asante family. I took my first CTR exam in 1982 but let it lapse when I decided to broaden my career into coding. It has been a circuitous route since I started as a Respiratory Therapist in Chicago, Illinois, in the early 1970s but didn't care for the fluids and being called to codes. Retail didn't quite suit me over the few years I was in Atlanta, Georgia. My career as a real estate agent in Southern California was short-lived because I didn't like being on-call evenings and week-ends to chat with people. When my late second husband and I saw an opportunity to move to Grants Pass we took it. My son is very close to his PhD in Nuclear Engineering in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Now you have my history.

My future plans include trying a hand at a limited form of cattle ranching, raising exotic chickens, flowers and vegetables and sewing. If my significant other has anything to do with it, I will be riding a horse! I am also considering taking art and other classes at our local community college and volunteering at a local school.

I would like to thank everyone for your friendship and assistance over the years.

Roxanne Kelley, CTR

# Hospital Corner

Hello from Bay Area Hospital!

The Executive Committee thought it would be great idea to have each hospital contribute to the newsletter. It is a time to get to know each other better and find out what is happening throughout the State; So as OCRA President, Bay Area Hospital will be the inaugural hospital to kick this off.

Some of you are probably not aware that Bay Area Hospital just completed a huge addition to the original facility last year. We brought cardiology to the South Coast and expanded our outpatient services. Now, at Bay Area Hospital a large expansion is planned to add to our existing Cancer Treatment Center. This will be an addition to the Radiation Therapy Center and will allow us to bring the Medical Oncologists offices to our campus. Plans are to break ground in the near future and be open and operating next year. It is exciting for us, but will bring new challenges as well since we will have many more cases for the Cancer Registry.

As for the Cancer Registry, we are working on integrating all of the new standards into our program. Phil is preparing to take his exams this fall and we have added Kristein Van Elsberg one day each week to work on follow-up.

If you get a chance to visit the South Coast, stop by and say hello on your way to our beautiful beaches!

Bay Area Hospital

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## Another successful dinner at Ronald McDonald House



Thanks to: Kathy Mayer, Deb Towell, Lorraine Colwell, (myself) Cat Gunn and Elly Hayes and not pictured, Shelley Lindsey, Janice McDaniel, Tammy Trumbull, & Molly Sengvongxay.

Thanks to everyone who participated and/or made a donation for the dinner served at RMH on April 15<sup>th</sup>. We served pizza, pasta, salad and dessert with cupcakes and brownies. It was all a big hit and much appreciated. It is always so touching to hear the stories from families and why they are there which included side effects from multiple treatments due to a brain tumor, a 3 year old awaiting a kidney transplant, a premature baby and a toddler that had a bad infection. We were thanked by multiple families and one family stated that “they may not eat, if it wasn’t for people like us”. That in itself makes it all worth it.

Martha Curl

# N C R A

Tennessee



Providence Health and Services group: Shelley Lindsey, Carol Dana, Martha Cox, Lori Laurent, Tammy Trumbull & Tatyana Bodnar



Jodi Phillips, Tatyana Bodnar, Jennifer Johnson, Carol Dana (with her winning basket)



# Time for fun, food and friends



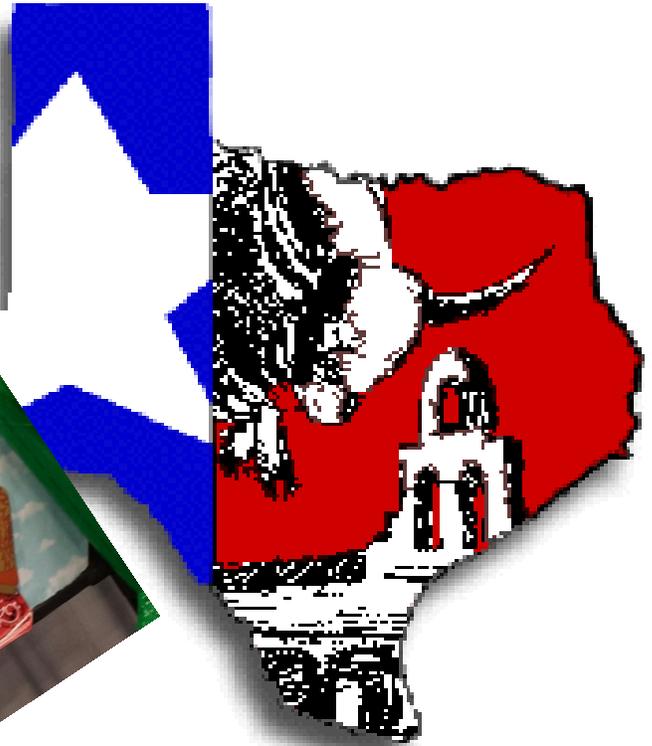
One serving of nachos and 3-4 people ordered them at the table. WOW!



All pictures submitted by  
Martha Curl.  
Thank you.

Kathy Mayer & Leah Kiesow (our future NCRA President)

**NEXT STOP:  
SAN ANTONIO**



Barb Collins with her winning basket & Jennifer Johnson



New Mexico - Denise  
Nebraska - Denise  
Iowa - Sarah  
CDC - James  
Arizona - Barb  
Sun Breakfast  
Ohio  
Virginia  
Florida  
Illinois  
Pennsylvania  
Arkansas  
Crane



Jodi Phillips & Lori Lucente both won vendor drawings

**WINNERS**

## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

I want to start this letter with a praise to God. Tuesday June 10 my nephew was in Reynolds high school for finals when, what used to be, the unthinkable happened. For those people not in the Portland area and may not have heard there was a lone gunman, a high school student, bent on killing other students; he succeed in killing one student before he was stopped and killed himself. We later find out that my nephew was very close to where the shooting happened. And we also found out that he was with the JROTC. He is doing well.

Access to mental health system in this country is dismal. So many of these young killers need help and the help was not there for them. Why isn't the help they need not there? What do we need to do as a society to help this young people cope with the world we live in?

This blog does a good job of explaining the why:

[Understanding Lack of Access to Mental Healthcare in the US: 3 Lessons from the Gus Deeds Story](#)



## 2014 Elected Officials

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