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President's Message

Greetings,



Bonjour Mes Amis... Good day, my friends!
Laissez les bons temps rouler, Cher... We'll pass
a good time!

If you read my President's Message, you will recognize that is how I usually close my message to you. As I write today, New Orleans, Louisiana, is in full-swing party mode, with the first week of Mardi Gras, hosting Super Bowl XLVII tonight, and resuming week two of Mardi Gras starting on Monday!

Fat Tuesday, or Mardi Gras, ends the pre-Lenten carnival season in New Orleans and also marks 60 days until Radiologic and Imaging Nurses Day on April 12, 2013! Please look for ARIN eBlasts regarding the celebratory Radiologic and Imaging Nurses Day poster, to be released soon. We may not have the week-long celebration of some of our other subspecialty organizations, but I hope each of you take the opportunity to make sure your co-workers and patient populations realize that we are a specialty that is dedicated to advancing the standard of care and patient safety in the imaging environment.

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Registration is now open for the ARIN 2013 Convention and Imaging Nurse Review Course, April 14-17, in New Orleans, Louisiana. On the ARIN website, follow the registration link, which will take you to the SIR website, and click on the "ARIN Attendee Registration and Housing" link. ARIN "early bird" registration is available through March 8, 2013. On the SIR/Experient website you will be able to register for the Imaging and Review Course, the 2013 ARIN Spring Educational Conference, Pre-conference workshops, and host hotel accommodations.

Speaking of Pre-conference workshops, on Saturday morning, April 13, 2013, Cynthia Kociszewski, PhD, APRN, will present a workshop, "Palliative Care," focusing on an overview of current palliative care concepts and processes of care for various clinic situations in which a healthcare consumer may be receiving palliative interventional radiology care. On Saturday afternoon, Matthew G. Marvin, will provide a workshop entitled "Do You Have the Right Stuff? Building Tomorrow's Leadership." As I alluded in my last *Vision* article, this workshop sets the framework for the ARIN Board of Directors' year-long, ongoing Leadership Development Mentorship program. This is a "must have" workshop for new and experienced leaders interested in developing leadership skills.

I am thrilled the ARIN Program Planning Committee has prepared an additional opportunity to socialize and network with friends and colleagues aboard the Paddlewheeler Creole Queen for a jazz dinner cruise on the Mississippi River on Tuesday evening, April 16, 2013. The Creole Queen is located immediately adjacent to the ARIN convention hotel on the Hilton Riverwalk. Boarding begins at 7 p.m. and departs at 8 p.m., to cruise until we dock at 10 p.m. The cost for the dinner cruise is \$59 per person (tax included) and features a buffet dinner of local cuisine and dessert, with tea or coffee; there will be a cash bar featuring some of the local beer, wine, and specialty cocktails.

Please note that registration for the Creole Queen Dinner Cruise optional event will be through the ARIN National Office. The deadline for dinner cruise registration is March 22, 2013. If you have any questions, please contact Chrystal Watters at the National Office at (866) 486-2762. ARIN spouses and/or guests are welcome to attend this optional event.

I would like to remind 2013 Annual Meeting attendees that convention evaluations for Continuing Education Units (CEU) will be conducted **ONLINE** and are available following each session attended. Online Convention evaluations will remain open for 30 days following the end of the 2013 conference and reminders will be sent routinely by eBlast on the ARIN website following the conference. Attendees are encouraged to complete evaluations for CE credit as soon as possible to avoid missing the 30-day deadline. Be sure to check your convention information for instructions on completing online evaluations.

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The ARIN Board of Directors (BOD) would like to thank each and every member who took the time to respond to the ARIN 2012 Needs Assessment Survey, which closed November 2, 2012. About 220 responses were submitted to the survey. Congratulations to Margaret Ott, who was the winner of the gift certificate in the drawing for completing the survey!

The BOD had a face-to-face meeting in Atlanta, GA, on January 26-27, 2013. During this meeting, considerable time was spent on critical evaluation of the membership survey results. From the survey results, the BOD identified major themes and issues as determined by the ARIN membership. Themes identified include:

1. The need for more educational opportunities that meet the needs of the member;
2. Certification/recertification resources;
3. New reference materials for the Radiologic and Imaging nurse;
4. Chapter resources for current chapters and those wanting a local chapter; and
5. Technologic resources that improve networking, connect members, and that are relevant to member needs.

The BOD will submit survey results and analysis in a future *Journal of Radiology Nursing* article.

Following discussions during the meeting, the ARIN leadership has recommitted fully to putting members' needs first. This is in alignment with the *Race for Relevance: 5 Radical Changes for Associations* framework we have embraced as an Association, including overhauling governance, empowering the CEO and staff, rigorously defining membership markets, rationalizing and simplifying programs and services, and building a robust technology program. We are not there yet, but I can assure you we are moving forward!

There were many successful local Fall Symposia held since I last corresponded. I have heard from the Arizona – Grand Canyon State Chapter; the Ohio Radiological Chapter; the Great Lakes Chapter (GLARIN); the New England Chapter; the Northwest Chapter; the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter, who hosted the ARIN National Fall Symposium; and the Golden Gate Chapter. Please forgive me if I missed anybody! I am pleased to announce that the Golden Gate Chapter, under the leadership of Marlo Rodriguez, presented the RAD-AID organization with a donation of \$1,250 following their Fall Symposium. I hope that every Chapter makes a contribution to Vision sharing their Chapter successes.

I would also like to announce that the new *Radiologic and Imaging Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice*, co-published with the American Nurses Association (ANA) is in the production phase and will hopefully be available to membership in time for the 2013 Spring Convention. Additionally, I am thrilled to announce that the publication of the long awaited "Joint Practice Guideline for Sterile Technique

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To foster the growth of
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during Vascular and Interventional Radiology Procedures" was co-published in the December 2012 issues of both the *Journal of Radiology Nursing* (JRN) and the *Journal of Vascular and Interventional Radiology* (JVIR). Congratulations and many thanks to co-author and ARIN member, Christine Keough, for her hard work and dedication to seeing this project through to fruition! Please share with your imaging colleagues!

The ARIN BOD is well aware that most of our members attend the Spring Convention at their own expense. We continue to work hard at industry sponsorship of our endeavors to offset membership costs. We do not have a local chapter in or around New Orleans, but we are trying to change that as well! I hope that the Website Committee will help me to create a blog for attendees that offers affordable locations for meal options, the local grocer, safety tips, weather tips for April, sights not to miss, and anything else you might want to know about "my house." Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have specific questions that I may be able to answer.

I truly can't wait for you to get here! *We'll pass a good time, Cher!*

Sincerely,

 President's
Signature

Christy Lee, MSN, APRN-BC, CRN
ARIN President

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ARIN 2013 Convention Information

Convention registration is now open!

Convention theme: *"Committed to Advancing Radiologic & Imaging Nursing"*

Annual Convention: April 14-17, 2013

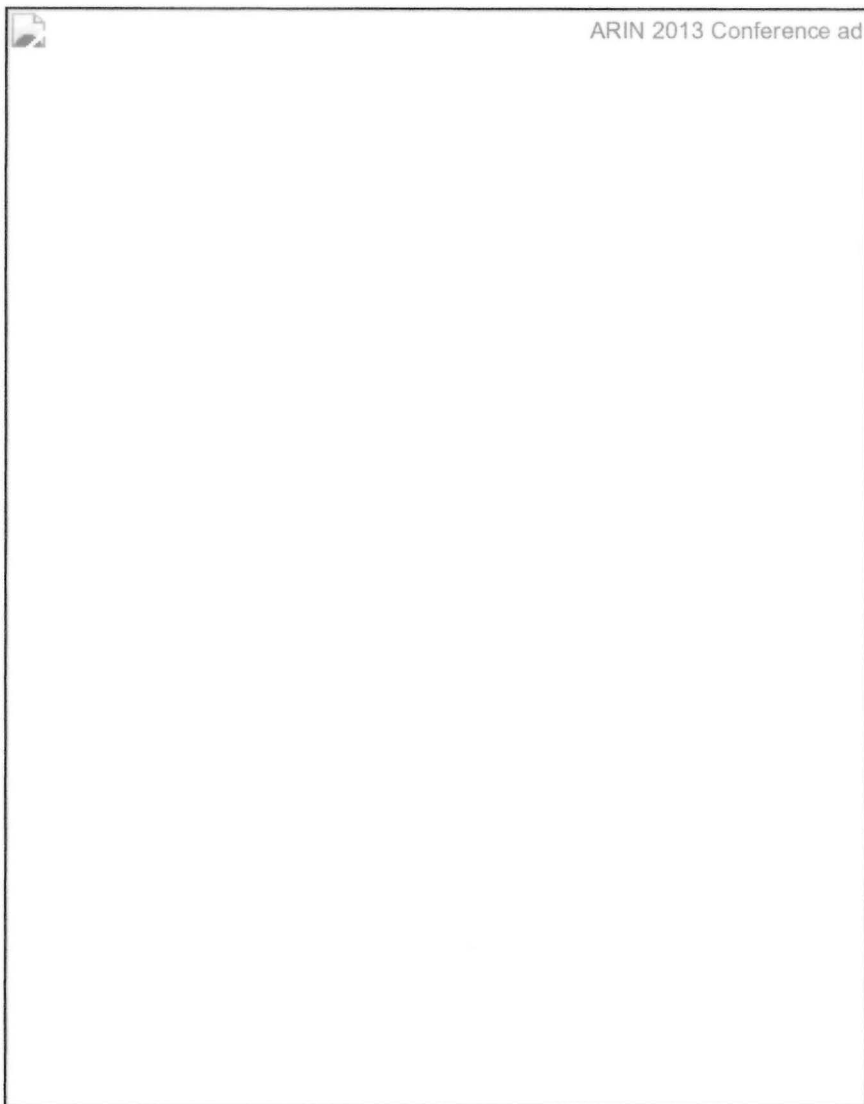
Imaging Review Course: April 12-13, 2013

Preconvention Workshops: April 13, 2013

[Click here for the ARIN 2013 Convention Brochure](#)

[Click here for the Dinner Cruise Registration Form](#)

More information is available at <https://www.arinursing.org/2013-convention/2013-convention-information.html>

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Executive Director's Message: ARIN's Extreme Makeover



Many of us watch the popular TV show, *Extreme Makeover*, where we see an everyday home become a vision of everything imaginable. The interior and exterior undergo a total re-design right before our very eyes. Radiology and Imaging Nursing is about to undergo the same makeover!

Did you know that the September 2010 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) report* which collects data on registered nurses in the United States indicated that, in 2008, there were 19,215 nurses practicing in the radiology setting, 12,993 of whom work primarily with adults. ARIN's current membership is 1,987. So how do we reach the 17,228 nurses who are not part of ARIN? Many of

them work in our healthcare systems, side by side with an ARIN member. There is also a strong number who have never heard of ARIN. Did you ever ponder where your professional career would be without ARIN? Suppose ARIN did not exist. I can only answer for myself, but knowledge, insight, and certification remain vital elements in my career. I mentioned in a previous column about my beliefs in joining your professional organization and ultimately attaining specialty certification. Certification is a means to show the world your commitment to your profession and your patients. Where else could you spend \$8.08/month to enhance your knowledge and broaden your skills, all the while shouting to the world that you are among the 1,065 Certified Radiology Nurses (CRN) who are members of ARIN. Membership leads to this and more.

The ARIN Board of Directors (BOD) met January 26-27 in Atlanta, Georgia. We discussed the priorities and challenges facing us, while acknowledging the results of the membership survey. I would like to personally thank those of you who participated in our recent survey. Vital information was obtained and I can say beyond a shadow of a doubt that the BOD heard what you said. Using our resources, *Race for Relevance* and *The End of Membership as We Know It*, the Board continues to realign ARIN's strategic plan with the members' voices. You will see the fruits of our combined efforts begin to roll out over the next 60-90 days.

I encourage you to join us in New Orleans for our 2013 Annual Convention, from April 14-17, 2013. The program is strong and the workshops are new and exciting. I promise you will walk away having broadened your knowledge. The convention also provides the opportunity to network with your peers and simply have a great time! Join us also for the Membership Luncheon, where you will hear the latest news and witness the installation of the 2013-2014 ARIN Board of Directors. You will not want to miss this event!

Stop and say hello. Share your thoughts. I look forward to seeing and talking with you in New Orleans.

All the best,

Karen

Karen Green, MHA, BSN, RN, CRN
ARIN Executive Director

** According to the HSRA report, their 2008 survey showed that there are 1,479,993 RNs in clinical specialties. Of this number, 19,218 work in radiology with 12,993 providing care to adults only. HRSA compiles this data every 4 years, so they have compiled data for 2012 which is not yet available. Access this document in its entirety at:
<http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/healthworkforce/msurveys/msurveyfinal.pdf>*

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Editorial: Is Cursive a Lost Art?



I spend three half-days per week in clinic consulting with a variety of adult patients about their venous access needs prior to their undergoing a blood and marrow transplant. Recently I met with an 18-year-old man who is a senior in high school. I was surprised that he came to his appointment by himself. He explained to me that unfortunately his father only had so much time to take away from work, so he was left on his own to go through his work-up. So we commenced with the consult. Everything seemed to be going well. At the end, I give the patient the option of signing their consent right then, and they are all set for the day of their procedure. He agreed. So, I proceeded to fill in the blanks with my penmanship. I wrote in cursive. He informed me that he never learned how to write in cursive; he only knew how to print and type on the keyboard. He could only write his signature in cursive. He wanted to know why I wasn't just completing the consent on the computer and printing it out. Then I asked him what he wanted to do with his life. He said he could read and speak three languages, so he was interested in International Studies and Politics. I found a witness and read the consent form to the young man, then sent him on his way once all the signatures were obtained.

I am not a parent, but I also do not consider myself naïve about the world. This sent me on a quest for knowledge and the opinions I obtained were vast. If you Google "cursive," you will find many editorials and articles on the subject, because there is actually a national trend to move away from teaching "this dying and perhaps unnecessary art". You will also find just as many editorials and articles with compelling arguments as to why cursive should still be taught.

One of my nephews said that when he recently took his SATs he had to write in cursive. He assured me it would have been more of a struggle to print instead. I have other nephews in the 9th grade who see their classmates struggling when there are assignments that have to be done on paper and they only know how to print. Are they going to do away with blue book tests in college?

New national curriculum guidelines are to be adopted by 2014 in all states, and thus far, 45 states have signed on. This does not include cursive handwriting, but requires proficiency in computer keyboarding by the time students exit elementary school. The states that have not signed on are Alaska, Texas, Nebraska, Virginia, and my own state of Minnesota.

I leave you with these thoughts... Fine motor skills are developed with penmanship; typing takes away from the ability to exercise the right brain—the visual, creative part that connects shapes, sees the big picture, and is frequently connected with artistic excellence. But on the

other hand, speed does trump beauty. So in the end, what is mightier—the pencil or the keyboard?

Keyboarding is the future, but what about when the computer goes down? You are the shift nurse and you must switch to paper charting. Our penmanship must still be legible, so is it better to print or write in cursive?

See www.corestandards.org for 2014 National Curriculum Guidelines.

Sharon Lehmann, MS, ACNS-BC
Vision Editor

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2013 ARIN National Webinar Series

The ARIN National Webinar Committee is excited to announce our new program for the 2013 ARIN national webinar series!

ARIN is focused on meeting the educational needs of all of our members. That's why we have created a new webinar program that utilizes the skill sets and expertise of our regional chapters. We will be inviting chapters to lecture for upcoming webinars. In return, the sponsoring chapter's members will have the benefit of participating in the webinar at no charge and obtain free CE! Those chapters who sponsor a webinar will be highlighted on ARIN's website! This opportunity is a great accolade for the chapter award. ARIN will fully support all interested chapters in the administration, CE accreditation, and technical management of the webinar. So, if there is something that you would like to present or if you have the desire to help educate other colleagues in the imaging environment, please contact Noelle Bradberry (Education/Certification Specialist) or Andria Reymore (Executive Vice President/COO) for more information.

**ARIN has also lowered fees for the next two webinars in March
and May to:
\$10 for ARIN members & \$15 for non-members**

Webinar Committee:

Co-Chairs: Karen Marshall, Mike Wilson and Netti Russi

Committee Members: Tabatha Fairchild, Cathy Brown, Julie Suppenbach, Kathy Dushlek, Jim LaForge, Margie Cistone, Linda McDonald, Christy Lee

Staff: Andria Reymore, Noelle Bradberry

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Nurses House Kicks off 2nd Annual “Dolphins for Nurses Campaign” for Nurses Week: May 6-12

The Association for Radiologic & Imaging Nursing has a long history of supporting Nurses House through an annual donation. Here is an opportunity for ARIN members to invite employers to support Nurses House by participating in the second annual "Dolphins for Nurses" campaign.

Nurses House, Inc. is launching its second annual "Dolphins for Nurses Campaign" to raise funds for nurses in need throughout the United States. The campaign will run from April 12-May 12, 2013, which marks the last day of National Nurses Week. The campaign involves staff at major hospitals nationwide offering blue and gold dolphins in exchange for \$1 or \$5 donations. All proceeds from the campaign will be put towards Nurses House Service Program to benefit nurses throughout the country who are struggling financially due to serious medical need.

Nurses House, Inc. is the only national charitable organization offering financial assistance to Registered Nurses in need. The organization's main goal is to provide short-term aid to nurses who are unable to support themselves financially as a result of illness, injury, disability, or other dire circumstances.

Over the years, Nurses House has helped thousands of nurses in all fifty states regain health and productivity. In the past three years alone, Nurses House has given more than 300 nurses grants, totaling more than \$300,000. Nurses who receive financial assistance use the funds to cover basic needs such as food, shelter, health insurance premiums, and medications while they are out of work or awaiting disability benefits.

Nurses House is run by an Executive Director and a volunteer Board of Directors. A Service Program Council, also made up of volunteers, anonymously reviews each application and makes the final decision on grant funding. Funds for Nurses House come mainly in the form of donations by nurses, nursing organizations, friends of nurses, and through various annual fundraising activities.

Stephanie Dague, Director of Development, says, "The first ever Dolphins for Nurses Campaign ran during Nurses Week 2012. With the help of Johnson & Johnson's Campaign for Nursing's Future and numerous hospital groups that participated, Nurses House was able to raise [more than] \$17,000 for nurses in need. Over the past month, Nurses House is seeing increased application activity from nurses who were affected by Hurricane Sandy. We have several nurses awaiting assistance and we hope to double the funds from this campaign in 2013 so that we can assist all the nurses who come to us."

Elizabeth Anne Mahoney serves as President on the Nurses House Board of Directors. She says of Nurses House, "Nurses devote their lives to caring for others. They're caring by nature and it's no surprise they have their own organization dedicated to caring for each other. The important thing is that nurses everywhere know this fund is

available—and that if they ever need a helping hand, they know where to turn.”

To learn how your group or hospital can participate in this Nurses Week campaign, please contact Stephanie Dague at sdague@nurseshouse.org or (518) 456-7858 x27.

For more information about the work of Nurses House, please visit their website at www.nurseshouse.org.

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Interested in Hosting an Imaging Nurse Review Course?

The ARIN Imaging Nurse Review Course is a 2-day course designed to provide an overview of the skills required for the nurse working in the imaging, interventional, and therapeutic environments. This course can also be used to prepare for the radiologic nursing certification exam. If your institution or organization is interested in hosting a course, see [here](#) for more details.

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Updates from RSNA

With more than 50,000 participants, the Radiological Society of North America recently conducted yet another dynamic and successful meeting in Chicago, IL. This year the topics ranged from the latest in radiology technology to healthcare reform and the concept of patient-focused care. The Radiology Steering Committee launched the “Radiology Cares: The Art of the Patient-Centered Practice” campaign, which reached various components of the conference curriculum. ARIN was honored to participate in the Associated Sciences Consortium and hosted two panels with a focus on the role of radiology in global health and the calling to create a just culture for patient safety. With the benefit of multidisciplinary speakers, both panels allowed the opportunity for “live” audience participation. As always, it is an honor to represent radiologic & imaging nurses at RSNA. We hope to see you there next year!

Emily Timmreck, MSN, RN, ACNP-BC
ARIN Board Member

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RNCB Announces Newly Certified and Recertified Radiology Nurses

CERTIFICATION

Certification is one of the most important decisions a nurse can make. Certified nurses are recognized by their peers and employers for having achieved a standard of competency in the nursing specialty. The Radiologic Nursing Certification Board, Inc. (RNCB) would like to congratulate the following nurses who passed the Radiology Nurse Certification exam on October 13, 2012 and met the requirements to obtain the Certified Radiology Nurse (CRN) credential.

Sarah K Atherton, Little Rock, AR
Rommel C Averilla, Mesa, AZ
Evangeline I Bondoc, San Marcos, CA
Brenda N Boone, San Marcos, CA
Lisa A Burk, Richland, WA
Colleen A Cabral, Saugus, MA
Patricia A Casarella, Ossining, NY
Scott S Corderman, Sioux Falls, SD
Leah M Crement, College Station, TX
Denise M Daly, Smithtown, NY
Kevin M Dillon, El Segundo, CA
Michele S Dotson, Concord, NC
Christina M Dungan, Yardley, PA
Medjy Fontin, St. Albans, NY
Ryan P Ford, Houston, TX
Joel C Garcesa, Secaucus, NJ
Susan J Goergen, Stilwell, KS
Rochelle L Hespenheide, Sarver, PA
Baxter Holmes, Bolingbrook, IL
Peggy E Howard, Manvel, TX
Sue E Kehoe, Saugerties, NY
Kathleen P Kelly, Jarrell, TX
Nancy C Kendall, Westford, MA
Renee D Kennedy, Robersonville, NC
Deirdre A Kochakian, Bergenfield, NJ
Mark A Koryzma, Clifton, NJ
Eileen C LaBerge, Oakland, CA
Kathleen M Lacy, Rivervale, NJ
Kelly D Leonard, Wappingers Falls, NY
Renee A Leonforte, Middletown, MA
Cecile B Manahan, Miami, FL
Arnold A Manguerra, Garland, TX
Dee-Ann E Marrone, Oak Hill, VA
Erin McLaughlin, Tappan, NY
Candace J Meyer, San Antonio, TX
Kathleen M Morrison, North Chelmsford, MA
Anne M Morrissey, West Roxbury, MA
Heidi R Noce, Camillus, NY
Jennifer Nowakowski, Roseville, CA
Christine Nuttall, Monterey, CA
Tamara M O'Connor, Orland Park, IL

Joni Ondra, Pittsburgh, PA
Stephanie A Parker, Dennis, MA
Danielle M Patturelli, Peabody, MA
Heang Perkins, Chandler, AZ
Anna M Pona, West Creek, NJ
Yolanda A Pool, Blairs, VA
Norbert John Poquiz, Lynnwood, WA
Laura L Prior, Plantsville, CT
Cynthia L Ralston, Chesapeake, VA
Virginia K Ralston, Maumelle, AR
Jessie A Ramirez III, Houston, TX
Alexandra G Rolland, Dallas, TX
Diane Rosberg, Duluth, MN
Leticia Sanchez, Torrance, CA
Denise G Schleuning, Louisville, KY
Kate Shannon, Arlington, VA
Stacy L Skelding, Alliance, OH
Cristina M Sokarda, Hickory Hills, IL
Brian N Strack, Conway, AR
Diane M Sullivan, Lombard, IL
Marianne, Szarkowicz, Watertown, CT
Kristine E Thompson, Essex Jct, VT
Tracy L Thompson, Haymarket, VA
Ann Thrappas, Los Angeles, CA
Anna M Versace, Lower Burrell, PA
Patricia M Voda, Olathe, KS
Gloria C Walker, Houston, TX
Pamela Cromartie Washington, Charlotte, NC
Barbara V Wilson, Wilmington, DE
Patricia M Young, Mattituck, NY
Amy R Zavala, Round Rock, TX

In addition, the RNCB would like to inform you of the Certified Radiology Nurse exam results for the October 13, 2012 exam. Ninety-one (91) nurses took the certification exam, with a total of 74 passing. This is a pass rate of 81%.

RECERTIFICATION

The Radiologic Nursing Certification Board, Inc. (RNCB) works hard to maintain the standard of excellence among nurses who have made the commitment to set themselves apart as Certified Radiology Nurses by maintaining certification. The RNCB would like to congratulate the following 39 nurses who met the stringent standards to maintain their certification by the end of October 2012.

Rachel Austria, Los Angeles, CA
Lu-Ann Ballais, Chula Vista, CA
Jennifer Bardell, Owings Mills, MD
Penni Beaver, Durham, NC
Mary Bilhimer, Overbrook, KS
Celma Capuz-Weaver, Edison, NJ

Anie Daniel, Stafford, TX
Christine Davidson, Daleville, VA
Kate Ferraiuolo, Gainesville, VA
Kim Ford, Dover, DE
Roxy Johanning, Berryton, KS
Bonita Jones, Chandler, AZ
Jennifer Karp, Chicago, IL
Donna Keith, Sunnyvale, CA
Jacqueline Kixmiller, Livemore, CA
Mary Katherine Kolenz, Brunswick, OH
Heather, Macaulay, Bradford, MA
Trent Martin, Granada Hills, CA
Kimberly McElheny, Avon Lake, OH
Chaweewan McNulty, Hummelstown, PA
Joan Mimmack, Brainerd, MN
Kim Moroz, Jackson, NJ
Judith Peck, Sykesville, MD
Lisa Pella, Bogota, NJ
Valinda Petri, Fisherville, KY
Pamela Potter, Balto, MD
Lynnis Rankin, Tempe, AZ
Susan Schickley, Hudson, FL
Mary Sichko, Seattle, WA
Donna Silva, El Sobrante, CA
Staci Simpson, Smyrna, DE
Karen Sledd, Daleville, VA
Christiane Van Wickler, Earlysville, VA
Elena Vasko, New Port Richey, FL
Wen Wang, Clarksville, MD
Ronald Warnick Jr, Baltimore, MD
Miriam Whetton, Mesa, AZ
Melanie Woods, Bradford, PA
Pamela Zenger, Lynwood, WA

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News from the ARIN Carolinas Chapter

Down in the southeast corner of the United States, tucked between the Appalachian Mountains and the Atlantic Ocean, lies one of the oldest and best-kept secrets of ARIN: the Carolinas Chapter of the Association of Radiological and Imaging Nursing. Our first meeting was held in 1986 and consisted of only 12 attendees. Chapter dues were only five dollars then, and from what I have heard, the leaders made box lunches for everyone for the first few conferences to help limit the cost. Some of the folks that were there told me the food was amazing. The chapter was recognized by the National Office on June 10th, 1987, making it ARIN's third chapter. Since then, many changes have taken place. Growth and benefits have come to our chapter due to the

wonderful and diligent efforts of our leadership, both past and present. Originally, our conferences were held over two days, each with a half-day of education and a half-day for socializing and networking. All that changed in 1991 when we moved to a one-day conference format. At our last conference, every speaker and presenter was a nurse. Imagine nurses teaching nurses on topics like: Addressing Post-Stroke Image Concerns, Developing a Radiology Practice Council, Radiology and the Law, Care of the Liver, and Kidney Transplant Patient--just to name a few. What a great conference.

We currently hold conferences bi-annually in the spring and fall. Recently, our conferences have been held at two major universities (Duke and Wake Forest), a luxury resort, a conference center on an English Estate, and an oceanfront resort at Wrightsville Beach. Average attendance for a conference is now between 40 and 50 Radiology Nurses and includes nurses from North and South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, and Tennessee, although nurses from all states are welcome to join us.

To find out more information or to request to host a conference, please contact us through our website, <http://www.ccarin.com/> Currently in the works is a CRN Review Course to be held in the near future. A scholarship has been approved by our leadership; more details on how to apply and the criteria will soon be posted on our website. Another bonus we offer to our President is to cover the cost of attending the National Conference each year. I was the lucky one that was able to go in 2012 to San Francisco. What an amazing experience that was.

Many thanks go out to those who have gone before us and blazed the trail for our chapter. I often stop and think about the many hours of planning and preparation that have gone into each conference over 25 years. It's awe inspiring when you think of all the time spent by leaders, speakers, support staff, educators, and facility workers. Again, thank you to those who have gotten us where we are and to those who, in the future, will help keep us going. I hope 2013 blesses each and every one of you.

From the Carolinas Chapter of ARIN

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald H. Schoenfeld RN, CNIII, CRN
Immediate Past President - CCARIN

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News from the Northwest Chapter of ARIN (NWARIN)



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The NWARIN Chapter held their Fall Conference November 17-18, 2012 at Multicare Medical Center's Jackson Hall in Tacoma, WA. Thirty-two participants attended the ARIN Imaging Review Course presented by Master Faculty Kathy Scheffer, MSN, RN. The course was well-received and marked the second time that NWARIN offered the course as part of its fall educational program. The course appealed to those who are new to the field of radiologic and imaging nursing, as well as for those who have worked in the field for years. The NWARIN Chapter thanks ARIN for making this program possible, and gives special thanks to Kathy Scheffer in recognition for her contributions and leadership. The opportunity to review all modalities was seen as really valuable. Equally valuable was the opportunity to meet other colleagues and share practices. A business meeting was held with the election of officers and board members. We welcome Joseph Ancheta as Incoming President.

2013 NWARIN Officers:

President: Joseph Ancheta

President-Elect: Brenda Wickersham

Secretary: Becky Turner

Treasurer: Connie Flores

Submitted by Brenda Wickersham, MAV, RN, CRN
President-Elect, NWARIN chapter

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Ohio Radiological Nurses Association (ORNA) Fall Education Update

November 3rd was the ORNA Annual Fall Symposium. This free event is a combined endeavor held in conjunction with Covidean and University Hospitals of Cleveland Cases Medical Center Department of Radiology in the auditorium of the Rainbow Babies and Children Hospital. It is an event to honor those who work in radiology. Each year, it is timed to kick off Radiology Technology Week. This year, the event featured 5.5 ASRT hours centered on the topic of Safety in Radiology.

The event opened with a presentation from the President of ORNA on the topic, "The Radiological Access Concern: What VAD is that?" This lecture was a hard-hitting examination of Vascular Access Devices and their care in the radiological department. This was followed by the topics, "Best Practices for Digital Imaging," and "Radiation Protection for Patients in Radiology" presented by the radiation physicist. The afternoon lecture series was kicked off again by the ORNA speaker in conjunction with the Radiation Physicist. The cutting edge address, "Radiology Safety is no Accident," examined the criteria of high-reliability organizations and how to move your department in that direction. The day was finished out with a discussion: "PACS: The Magic Behind the Curtain."

The day was applauded as a success by all in attendance. The next ORNA education event is April 20th at Summa Health Systems in Akron, Ohio.

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GLARIN Winter Newsletter

The Great Lakes Chapter of ARIN has released its winter newsletter. To read up on the latest happenings from imaging nurses in the Great Lakes region, click here: <http://glarin.org/Newsletter.php>

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