
THE SENTINEL

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Teresa Jarrett, CTR

Greetings Everyone,

Did you know that National Cancer Registrars Week is April 8-14th? This gives you a great opportunity to promote the Cancer Registry in your institution. Do you think sometimes that no one knows who you are or what you do? Call your Marketing Department, they are always looking for ways to promote the hospital. They may want to do an article on you and your department.

This list of "special things" you could do that week is endless and I am sure you could think of some better than these, but here are some examples to get you started:

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LIFETIME ANCCR MEMBERSHIP

Patricia West, RHIT, CTR

To All Former ANCCR Presidents:

You automatically become an Honorary Life Member (better known as Life Member) when you are retired from the Cancer Registry Field and are 60 years of age. Both requirements must be met. Therefore, if you are retired and are not 60 years old, you must wait until you reach your 60th birthday before becoming a Life Member. If you have already reached your 60th birthday but are still working in the Cancer Registry field you must wait until you retire before becoming a Life Member. So, please remember that when you have met both requirements to contact the Membership Chair and let them know that you are eligible for Life Membership. Life Members are exempt from dues and retain their rights and privileges of the other Membership classes.

To All ANCCR Members:

Only former ANCCR Presidents are eligible for Life Membership. However, if any person makes a significant contribution to the profession of the Cancer Registry administration and/or practice or who has rendered distinguished service in the profession or it's related fields and has had his/her name recommended by the Executive Board, may be elected by the Active and Associate Members present, to Honorary

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- Send out a notice the beginning of the week to tell everyone that it is National Cancer Registry Week
- Have an open house in your department or area
- Make a storyboard “display” using cancer registry data for the hospital lobby
- Do a seek and find puzzle using cancer terminology and put a drop box with cancer registry brochures in a prominent place
- Pick a special day that week to celebrate.
- Send thank you notes to the offices that help you the most with updates.

Last year, we had a visit by the California Raisins during lunch in our cafeteria. Trash bags get hot quickly folks!! The raisins gave out- you guessed it- raisins to promote good eating habits. Oh, and by the way, each box of raisins had a label: Eat Healthy! Cancer Registry and our phone number.

You are very important to your institution and to your physicians. I know we all think we are taken for granted. Sometimes, you have to promote yourselves and this is a good week to do it.

In my last column I mentioned that we are making a NC basket for the National Meeting. Don't forget to bring an item for the basket to the Spring Meeting. The meeting is going to be another good one. We have lots of people working across the state to make it a great learning experience. I hope to see you all there.

WORD SEARCH

Hidden below are 16 words that we use as cancer registrars. How many can you find?

H I P A M E L A N O M A B A
C I D Q F G H Z J K B D M I
L N S N I K G D O H E O C C
P Q R T S B U V W O Y N Z S
A D E N O C A R C I N O M A
C U C E L L A B O L C M D F
U R A L U B O L R E E A F G
T A V I G N I G D U H I J K
E L M A M O L E Y M B N Z Q

The words to search for are:

Histology, adenocarcinoma, adenoma, ileum, Hodgkins, gingiva, fascia, lip, melanoma, myeloma, lobular, dura, cord, acute, cell, hip.

They can be found across, up and down, or diagonally.

ANCCCR Executive Board (better known as Honorary Member) by the majority of the vote. Honorary members are exempt from dues, but possess none of the rights and privileges of the other membership classes.

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Please contact the appropriate member of the Executive Board with any questions or concerns that you may have.

CTR EXAM SCHEDULE-FALL 2001

September 15, 2001

Application Deadline: August 1, 2001

UPCOMING MEETINGS

NCRA NATIONAL MEETING

May 22-25, 2001 in Orlando, FL at the Disney Hilton.

Linda Mulvihill, RHIT, CTR will be installed as NCRA President and we are all very proud of her.

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ANCCCR Fall Meeting

Winston-Salem, NC

September 12-14, 2001

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