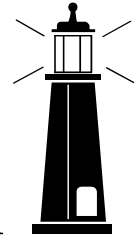


The Sentinel



The Newsletter for the Association of North Carolina Cancer Registrars

May/June 2005

Message from the President: Elizabeth Tucker, CTR

When Adaline told me it was time for a newsletter, I felt overwhelmed. I could not imagine what I could write about that would be worth reading. I had a budget to prepare and finish the SAR and prepare for the survey! But, when I put the SAR in the mail on Tuesday, I knew exactly what I should write about!!

What can I share about the SAR?

If your survey is in two years—begin now!

Print the SAR Application Training Guide-Read it as if you were studying for the Certification exam. There is information in that guide that is not found in other documents-or at least I had not seen in print.

Read the COC Flash faithfully!

You can put in data, leave the application and come back to work on it later. Just remember to use the save button every time you see one. Always save the page. You can go back in and edit anything. PROOF! PROOF!

Complete all requested information. One screen in particular asked when we had completed work on our goal. We had not completed it, so I left it blank. I called Vicki at ACoS, she told me to put in a future date. The wording said HAD not will be, but it worked.

When you work on the SAR there is the Standard listed at the top with the sub standards listed in turquoise. While you are working on them they turn purple. Sometimes they do not change back to turquoise. I thought those in purple had an error---oh no, the color means nothing. Also, at the bottom is a listing of chapters that are incomplete. Do not pay attention to color here either. Just that they are incomplete. The only color you need to be concerned about is in the menu along the LEFT side, the color is gold when all your answers have been entered correctly.

I would also suggest that when you enter the data on Standard 3.4 and 3.5 (Follow-up information) enter that the day you mail out your application.

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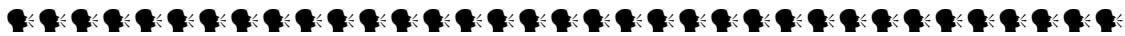
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We are making storyboards for each standard. But we will also have a complete written explanation of how we met the standard in a clear and concise manner, with examples.

I really feel good-today anyway- about the survey. Dr. Greene is like most of the surveyors, he only wants us to improve, not to catch us lacking. I am sure I'll think of other things. If any of you have questions give me all.

When I am asked by my VP why I go to these NCRA or ANCCR, one of the reason I give is networking. I think it would really help all of us if we just shared our experiences. Ladies, why should be reinvent the wheel with every survey! Let's start a column in each newsletter about how we do things. Survey, QA, Pathology QA, Cancer Conferences, Cancer Committees and how we take minutes. I will tell you about my survey in the next issue. But for the issue after that you all need to be thinking of ways that you can help your fellow registrars.

Elizabeth Tucker, CTR
Cancer Program Coordinator
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HOSPITAL PROFILE

Duke University Hospital
(Part of Duke University Hospital System)
Erwin Road
Durham, NC 27710

“The Future of Medicine, Delivered Today”

Duke University Hospital (DUH) is a 924 bed hospital founded in 1930 (along with the Duke University Medical School). In July we'll be celebrating our 75th Anniversary. **Oncology statistics:** 7600 inpatients per year, 120,000 outpatient visits per year with 30% of our patients coming from outside North Carolina.

In 1973, the Duke Cancer Center was designated a “comprehensive” cancer center by the NCI—we are now one of 61 comprehensive cancer centers nationwide. At Duke, there is a theme that permeates the atmosphere – *“At Duke, there is Hope”*. We do not abandon any patient or family in their struggle against cancer, no matter what the situation may be. Duke oncologist Dr. Joseph Moore recently said, “I truly believe there's no one whom I can't help somehow. I may not be able to cure them, but I can relieve some of their symptoms, or ease their anxieties just by being available and letting them know I'm truly interested in their well-being.” This is our commitment to every cancer patient at Duke. Basic research is performed at Duke and much of that research “translates” into new diagnostic tools and treatment modalities. (Duke Researchers developed the test for Ca-125 and identified the BRCA1 breast cancer gene.) We currently have over 250 clinical trials open for cancer patients. Prevention and early detection trials are also offered.

We have the full array of cancer services including minimally-invasive surgical techniques, radiation therapy, all types of systemic therapy including Targeted therapies and Adult & Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplants. We are also very proud of the Brain Tumor Center which is researching new systemic treatments for malignant and benign brain tumors.

Affiliated with Duke University Hospital through the Duke University Health System (DUHS) are Durham Regional Hospital (DRH) and Duke Health Raleigh Hospital (DHRH)--formerly Raleigh Community Hospital. In addition, the Duke Oncology Network reaches out to provide clinical and oncology management services to nine affiliate hospitals in North Carolina & Virginia. (DHRH, Durham VA, Granville Medical Center, Johnston Memorial Hospital, Maria Parham Medical Center, Memorial Hospital of Martinsville & Henry County, Person Memorial Hospital, Scotland Memorial Hospital and Southeast Regional Medical Center.)

The Cancer Registry was originally started in about 1938 as a *surgical* follow up registry. We currently use the IMPAC-MRS cancer data system which includes data for all three DUHS hospitals (DUH, DRH and DHRH) in our multi-hospital database. The Duke database currently has over 109,000 cases going back to 1970. Since our current reference date of 1990, we have 64,000 cases. We add approximately 4900 new cases (including non-analytic) per year and are actively following 27,000 analytic cases. [NOTE: Follow Up requests for patients seen at Durham Regional or Duke Health Raleigh should be sent directly to those registries.]

A unique feature of our registry is electronic case finding. We receive all potential reportable cases (and demographics) through the following electronic interfaces: Pathology (using SNOMED morphology codes for neoplasms), Inpatient coding (using ICD9 codes), Outpatient coding for OP surgeries (using ICD9 codes) and Clinic cases from IDX coding (using both ICD9 codes, select CPT codes and the most likely clinics where patients would be managed for cancer/reportable neoplasms). The only manual case finding is for Autopsies, which we hope to automate in the near future. We save a lot of paper using

electronic interfaces (4-5 inches of path reports per day in the past) and we save time not having to enter demographic information on new cases. “Case screening” still has to be done to eliminate non-reportable

cases and follow up cases before we start to abstract. (Out of approximately 18,000 suspense records loaded, we only abstract about 4900 new cases per year.)

We find it both interesting and challenging to encounter and learn about rare & unusual cancers and cutting-edge treatment modalities. We wish that ICDO would be updated a little more frequently to keep up with changing terminology and new ways to classify neoplasms!

Duke—Cancer Registry Staff (eight—all full-time)

Eileen Morgan, MPA, CTR, Manager

Phone: 919-684-0330

Years of Registry Experience: 30 (4yrs at Duke)

Outside Interests: Family (husband of 16 years, 2 children, 2 grandchildren), Singing (hymns & choral), Bird watching, Patio Gardening, Mysteries (TV/novels), Traveling (nature/historical places), PBS and NPR.

For the past 20 months I have been on a journey with my husband who was diagnosed with extensive small cell carcinoma of the lung—now in remission.

Cheri Willard, CTR, Data Manager (Data/Research Requests)

Phone: 919-684-0331

Years of Registry Experience: 25 (25 yrs at Duke)

Outside Interests: I've been married and with the Duke Tumor Registry for 25 years. We have 2 children: Holly, now 20, and Adam, 18--a recent graduate of Durham School of the Arts. My escapes include reading, gardening and enjoying my three spoiled dogs.

Shelley Alvey

Phone: 919-684-0334

Years of Registry Experience: 19 (19 yrs at Duke)

Outside Interests: I will celebrate 32 years of marriage to my wonderful husband, Rick, in August 2005. I have two children who I am very proud of and an adorable 5 year old grandson. I love spending time with my family, exercising and playing golf.

Deborah Belvin

Phone: 919-684-0334

Years of Registry Experience: 20 (20 yrs at Duke) [35 year employee at Duke]

Outside Interests: I have been married to Conner for 27 years. We have two daughters, McKenzie and Cassidy, a son-in-law and a grandson. I love spending my free time with my family, reading and playing with my dogs.

Debra Carroll, CTR

Phone: 919-684-0332

Years of Registry Experience: 14 (1 yr at Duke)

Outside Interests: I'm sharing my life with my perfect husband and soul mate, Preston. We have 5 beautiful children all combined: Johnathan, Talia, Joshua, Tarin and Caleb. We also have 3 grandsons: Brenden and the twins, Aiden and Dalton. I love traveling and spending time with family.

Sathya Kasala, BA, CTR

Phone: 919-684-0332

Years of Registry Experience: 12 (7 yrs at Duke)

Outside Interests: Married to Math professor at UNCW for more than 2 decades. Our “baby of the house” graduated from NCSSM in 2005, 2nd daughter graduated from Ophthalmology. We have 4 grandchildren. I love to help family & friends through the crisis of a cancer diagnosis by giving them information and by telling them how much Duke Cancer Center can provide them. (I also get to brag about Duke.) I am involved in cultural and spiritual events of the Indian community and love to cook Indian food for Duke Staff pot lucks.

Debby Mangum

Phone: 919-684-0333

Years of Registry Experience: 19 (19 yrs at Duke) [27 year employee at Duke]

Outside Interests: I've been married to Randy for 4 years. We have no children. I enjoy entertaining family and friends. My hobbies are working in my garden and crafts. I'm a senior at NCCU majoring in Social Work. I will graduate in May 2006. I have a GPA of 3.4.

Jeanne Shaffer, RHIA, CTR

Phone: 919-684-0333

Years of Registry Experience: 7 (2 yrs at Duke)

Outside Interests: My life outside of Duke includes being involved with my church, my family and my friends. I love to run, cross-stitch and work in my yard.



Duke University Cancer Registry Staff:

Left to Right: Cheri Willard, Debra Carroll, Jeanne Shaffer, Deborah Belvin, Debby Mangum, Sathya Kasala, Shelley Alvey, Eileen Morgan

EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT CANCER REGISTRIES IS HERE

WELCOME TO THE RESEARCH TRIANGLE

The Holiday Inn Crabtree Valley Mall on Glenwood Ave in Raleigh will be the location of this year's ANCCR annual educational conference. The meeting will be September 12-14th (Monday-Wednesday). Please refer to ANCCR's website for additional information concerning hotel, registration and agenda. The Holiday Inn is located across the street and within walking distance from Raleigh's Crabtree Valley Mall. Crabtree Valley Mall offers all of your major stores as well as superb dining. Raleigh has anything and everything you might want to do or see during your stay in the capital city. UNC, Duke, Rex Healthcare and the NC Central Registry will be sponsoring the meeting this year and we have planned a meeting that hopefully everyone will be able to participate in. On Tuesday there will be a forum with a panel of experts in the field of Cancer Registries and Collaborative Staging including Dr. Frederick Greene. PLEASE have your questions ready. There is no reason why you should leave this meeting with any unanswered questions. Come, See and Experience an informative and educational meeting that has been planned with YOU, the cancer registrar, in mind!



SEER RX DRUG DATABASE SOFTWARE NOW AVAILABLE

The SEER Rx program became available to registrars July 1, 2005 and is available at no charge. It can be downloaded at <http://www.seer.cancer.gov/seerrx>. You will need to register your name, e-mail address and institution. This will allow you to obtain a password that is required to download the program to your desktop and you will not need internet access to open up the program once it is downloaded. Your e-mail address will be used to keep you informed of when updates are available, which will about every six months. This program gives you access to over 1600 drugs and over 700 regimens and how they should be coded.

Some drugs have changed categories beginning with cases diagnosed in 2005. (Per an e-mail from April Fritz to Adaline Brown dated 7/12/2005) "The following drugs in the 5/17/02 Book 8 update have changed from immunotherapy to cytostatic chemotherapy in SEER Rx:

Alemtuzumab/Campath
Bexarolene/Targretin
Bevacizumab/Avastin
Bortezomib/Velcade
Pegaspargase/Oncaspar
Rituximab/Rituxan
Trastuzumab/Herceptin
Asparaginase

"The following drugs originally may have been coded as monoclonal antibodies but are radioisotopes in SEER Rx:

Epratuzumab/LymphoCide
Ibrituzumab tiuxetan/Zevalin
Tositumomab/Bexxar

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Training in Cancer Data Collection- Summer 2005

August 1-5, 2005 in Asheville, NC.

Registration fee: \$230.00

For more info, contact:

Melissa Pearson

E-mail: Melissa.pearson@ncmail.net

Phone: 828-232-5062

ANCCR Annual Meeting, September 12-14, 2005

Holiday Inn Crabtree Valley Mall

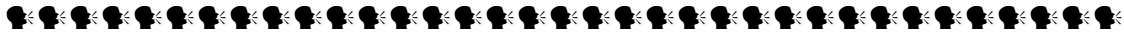
Raleigh, NC

Contact Person: Susan Brossoie

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Phone: 919-966-4515

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Kelly Lowrance, CTR

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Cheryl Blalock, CTR

Leta Vess, CTR

TREASURER

Deborah Thorne, CTR

Patricia West, CTR

Absentee ballots must be received by August 29th, 2005. Please include your name and address on your return envelope in order for the ballot to be official. Send to Blanche Sellars, CTR, Chairman, ANCCR Nominating Committee, Cancer Registry, Rex Cancer Center, Rex Healthcare, 4420 Lake Boone Trail, Raleigh, N.C. 27607.

ASSOCIATION OF NORTH CAROLINA CANCER REGISTRARS

CANDIDATE PROFILES

Name: Elizabeth S. Tucker, CTR

Institution: High Point Regional Health System

Address: 601 N. Elm Street, High Point, NC 27262

Phone: 336-878-6703

Fax: 336-878-6911

Current Position: Cancer Program Coordinator, High Point Regional Health System

Job Experience:

1995 to present: Cancer Program Coordinator, High Point Regional Health System

1991 - 1995: Abstractor, Cancer Registry, Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center

Association of North Carolina Cancer Registrars - 1991 to present

2004-present: President

2002-present: Vice President

1997-1998: Treasurer

1994-1996: Ways and Means Committee Chair

NCRA - 1995 - present

2001-Chairman of Education Subcommittee-Speaker's Bureau

Attended National NCRA meeting in 1999, 2001 and 2004

OTHER PROFESSIONAL HISTORY/EDUCATION:

EDUCATION:

Certification CTR: 1994

Central Piedmont Community College – Associate Degree Nursing Program - 1976-1978

Baldrige Quality Program- 2005

Independent Cancer Consultant- Commission on Cancer-2004 thru present

Education: Completed Continuing education courses including Interaction Management, TQM

Education, and Management Development Tools Part I and II, Human Resource Management

Quit Smart Smoking Cessation Facilitator-1996-present

Annual Report of Cancer Program received APEX award 1997, 1998 (Award for Publication Excellence)

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Member of Project ASSIST, Project Assist Guilford County Board of Directors 1997-2002

Treasurer of Project ASSIST 1998- 2002

Media Representative for Project ASSIST, American Cancer Society and High Point Regional Health System

Captain for Relay for Life 1996-2004, Corporate Representative for 2000–present, and Team Recruitment Chair 2001-2004

United Way Corporate Representative 2000 - present

Organized National Cancer Survivors Day 1996-2005

Organized New Horizons Oncology Education Seminar 1997-2001

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CANDIDATE PROFILES

NAME: Cathy Coggins Rimmer, BA, MDiv, CTR

INSTITUTION: Forsyth Medical Center

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PHONE/OFFICE: (336)718-8462

CURRENT OCCUPATION/TITLE: Manager, Cancer Data Base

JOB EXPERIENCE (include years of experience in Cancer Registry/other related work)

Cancer Registry at Forsyth since 1988 – 17 years
Medical Library 1985-1988

ANCCR/NCRA HISTORY (include years, membership/offices held, etc)

ANCCR Member since 1989

NCRA Member since 1990

NCRA Liaison to NAACCR, 2005-2007 Appointment

NC Advisory Committee on Cancer Coordination & Control – Appointment 2005-2006

Davidson County Community College – Advisory Board for Cancer Registry Formal Ed.
Program --2004

American College of Surgeons Speakers Bureau – 2002-2005

Association of North Carolina Cancer Registrars - President, Vice-President, Publications
Chair, Web Site Coordinator

National Cancer Registrars Association (Public Relations Committee, Member & Chair)

National Board of Certification of Registrars 1999-2002, Treasurer 2002

Luna M. Woods Award, ANCCR, 1994

OTHER PROFESSIONAL HISTORY/EDUCATION (include special training,
publications, activity in other organizations)

CTR 1990

Master of Divinity – 1986 – Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC

BA – French, Summa Cum Laude, Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, NC

Diploma of Study – 1977 Paris, France

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CANDIDATE PROFILES

NAME: Kelly A. Lowrance, RHIT, CTR

INSTITUTION: Gaston Memorial Hospital

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PHONE/OFFICE: (704) 834-2921

CURRENT OCCUPATION/TITLE: Oncology Data Coordinator

JOB EXPERIENCE (include years of experience in Cancer Registry/other related work)

2002 - Present PT Independent Contractor

1999 - Present Oncology Data Coordinator, Gaston Memorial Hospital

1995 - 1997 Cancer Registrar, Carolinas Medical Center

1997 - 1999 MR/QA Coordinator NC Dept of MH/SA/DD

ANCCR/NCRA HISTORY (include years, membership/offices held, etc)

ANCCR Member since 1996

NCRA Member since 1995

NCRA Public Relations Chair 2004-2005

NCRA Public Relations Committee 2002-2004

OTHER PROFESSIONAL HISTORY/EDUCATION (include special training, publications, activity in other organizations)

Survey Savvy Workshop in 2005

1999 - Present Team Captain/Volunteer Relay for Life

CTR Certified in 2000

ANCCR Cancer Registry Training Workshop in 1995 and 1997

RHIT Certified in 1996

BA in Health Information Management from Central Piedmont Community College in 1995

1995 - 2000 Member of AHIMA

1995 - 2000 Member of NCHIMA

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CANDIDATE PROFILES

NAME: Carol P. Burke, CTR

INSTITUTION: Margaret R. Pardee Memorial Hospital

ADDRESS: 800 N. Justice Street Hendersonville, NC 28791

PHONE/OFFICE: (828)696-1341

CURRENT OCCUPATION/TITLE: Cancer Registrar

JOB EXPERIENCE (include years of experience in Cancer Registry/other related work)

I have worked in the cancer registry for 9 years. Prior to that I worked in Medical Records for 7 years.

ANCCR/NCRA HISTORY (includes years, membership/offices held, etc)

Member of ANCCR since 1995. Ways and Means Committee 1999 and 2000. Sentinel Editor 2001-2002.

Member of NCRA since 1995. Served on the Nominating Committee in 2001.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL HISTORY/EDUCATION (include special training, publications, activity in other organizations)

Hospital coordinator for Relay for Life teams in 2004.
Co-hosted ANCCR annual education meeting in 2003.

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CANDIDATE PROFILES

NAME: Cheryl S. Blalock RN, CTR

INSTITUTION Duke Health Raleigh Hospital Cancer Registry

ADDRESS 3404 Wake Forest Road Cb#65 Raleigh, NC 27609

PHONE/OFFICE 919-954-3090

CURRENT OCCUPATION/TITLE: CTR -To become Registry Supervisor July 2005

JOB EXPERIENCE (include years of experience in Cancer Registry/other related work)

I have been in the Cancer Registry at DHRH for 2 ½ years. I was the first full-time registrar and began from scratch to develop an ACOS approved program. Within 1 ½ years we published our first annual report, took the registry and Cancer program successfully through our first ACOS survey, and achieved commendation status on every standard, minus one data record failure on our very first submission. We are extremely proud of our progress. In September 2004 I passed the CTR exam with excellent marks and we hired our second full-time registrar. Experience working with the Duke IRB has helped in my current job with clinical trials accrual.

ANCCR/NCRA HISTORY (include years, membership/offices held, etc)

Member of ANCCR & NCRA 2002-2005, to date no offices held.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL HISTORY/EDUCATION (include special training, publications, activity in other organizations)

Graduated with Santa Filomena honors from the North Carolina Baptist Hospital School of Nursing in 1974 and worked full time in critical care nursing for 27 years, caring for cardiac, medical, surgical, and neurological intensive care patients. My various roles included ICU Nursing Director, Assistant Head Nurse, Staff Nurse and Preceptor. Proudly, I passed the national certification examination for Critical Care Nursing, was one of the few CCRN's at our hospital, and was voted one of the "Great 100 Nurses of North Carolina". My nursing and management background has greatly benefited me in my current role. I would love to expand my role by becoming involved in our state organization. Thank you for this opportunity to run for office.

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CANDIDATE PROFILES

NAME: Leta A. Vess, CTR

INSTITUTION: FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital

ADDRESS: Cancer Registry
P. O. Box 3000
Pinehurst, NC 28374

PHONE/OFFICE: 910-715-5292

CURRENT OCCUPATION/TITLE: Supervisor, Cancer Registry

JOB EXPERIENCE (include years of experience in Cancer Registry/other related work)

9/1995 – 10/1997, Medical records processing
11/1997 – 1/1999, Cancer registrar
2/1999 – present, Supervisor, Cancer Registry
(All above experience at MRH)

ANCCR/NCRA HISTORY (include years, membership/offices held, etc)

ANCCR: Member since 1998
9/2002 – present, Chair, Bylaws Committee

NCRA: Member since 1998
2002-2004, Jr/Sr Leader, Cancer Program Manager SIG
2003 – Present, Advocacy & Legislative Taskforce

OTHER PROFESSIONAL HISTORY/EDUCATION:

1972, Emory University, BA
1999 – Present, Cancer Survivor's Day Committee
2002 – 2003, MRH HIPAA Implementation Taskforce

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CANDIDATE PROFILES

NAME: **Deborah Dillon Thorne RN, CTR**

INSTITUTION **WilMed Healthcare**

ADDRESS **1705 Tarboro St SW Wilson, NC 27893**

PHONE/OFFICE **252-399-8054**

CURRENT OCCUPATION/TITLE **Tumor Registrar**

JOB EXPERIENCE (include years of experience in Cancer Registry/other related work)

Registered Nurse 1984-present (Medical Surgical Unit 1992)
Cancer Registry 1992-present

ANCCR/NCRA HISTORY (include years, membership/offices held, etc)

ANCCR
1993-present
Treasurer 1995/1996
Grants and Vendors Chair: 2000-2001 and 2001-2002
Treasurer 2004- present

NCRA
1994-present

OTHER PROFESSIONAL HISTORY/EDUCATION (include special training, publications, activity in other organizations)

I Can Cope Facilitator (ACS)
Co-Chair Relay for Life hospital team 2004 & 2005

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CANDIDATE PROFILES

NAME: Patricia Ann West RHIT, CTR

INSTITUTION: UNC HEALTHCARE

ADDRESS: 101 Manning Dr. Chapel Hill, NC 27514

PHONE/OFFICE 919-966-2607

CURRENT OCCUPATION/TITLE Cancer Registrar

JOB EXPERIENCE (include years of experience in Cancer Registry/other related work)

96-Present: Cancer Registrar at UNC HEALTHCARE

92-93 Part Time File Clerk at Catawba Memorial Hospital

ANCCR/NCRA HISTORY (include years, membership/offices held, etc)

I actually joined ANCCR in ‘95 (a year before I was ever employed as a Cancer Registrar) making me an ANCCR Member for 10 yrs.

I joined NCRA in ‘98

ANCCR Nominating Committee Member since ‘96

ANCCR Membership Chair 2000-2001 and part of 2001-2002

OTHER PROFESSIONAL HISTORY/EDUCATION (include special training, Publications, activity in other organizations)

AHIMA Member ‘93-‘99 (only pay for CE Upkeep now)

NCHIMA Member ‘93-‘00

During my ANCCR ‘95 Membership, while still not employed as a Cancer Registrar, I sold more Raffle Tickets, than the Cancer Registrar’s, for that years’ Meeting and was Honored at the Meeting with a very nice Gift Basket. And also, with some job opportunities!

Note from the Editor:

Boy this summer sure is going by fast. Hope all of you have taken vacation or are planning on a great away sometime soon. We all need a break every now and then.

As you all know, we elect new ANCCR officers and board members in September at the annual meeting. This issue contains an absentee ballot & candidate profiles for your review before the meeting. The deadline for submission of absentee ballots is August 29th. They need to be returned to:

Blanche Sellars, CTR
Chairman, ANCCR Nominating Committee
Cancer Registry
Rex Cancer Center
Rex Healthcare
4420 Lake Boone Trail
Raleigh, NC, 27607.

Linda Mulvihill has left her position with the NC Central Cancer Registry and has taken a job with her NPCR/CDC. She asks that all of you please keep in touch with her. Her new contact information is:

Linda Mulvihill, RHIT, CTR
E-mail: Lmulvihill@cdc.gov
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Division of Cancer Prevention and Control
Cancer Surveillance Branch
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Kelly Lowrance had to step down at the last minute as chairman of Ways and Means Committee and Tina Harkey has agreed to take her place but she would love to have volunteers to help her out with the upcoming meeting. You may contact her at (828) 213-4037. If each hospital representative could send a silent auction item and white elephant items it would be greatly appreciated. Also, if anybody has any ideas or things they would like to give away as door prizes, please let Tina know as soon as possible. Don't forget to bring lots of dollars for the 50/50 raffle!

Please let me know if you have any suggestions or want to submit any articles for the newsletter. If your hospital hasn't been profiled in the newsletter and you're willing to submit a profile, please let me know. It's a great way to have fun and recognize your cancer registry staff at the same time. The deadline for submission for the next newsletter is Aug.20th.

Hope to see all of you at the fall meeting!

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