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President's Message

Teresa Jarrett, CTR

The first thing I want to say is a **BIG** thank you for Carol Dickinson, RN, CTR and the Central Registry Staff for the Fall Meeting. The task of putting together two days of educational sessions is a big undertaking. Thanks again. Just remember, you don't have to do it next fall, but we do expect to be invited back to Raleigh in years to come.

Since the Fall Meeting, I have been contacting new committee chairpersons and we will be having our first board meeting in October. The new board members are listed on the web-site so I won't list them here. I have chosen members who reach across the state, who work in large registries, as well as small ones. If you have comments or would like to help out on a committee please contact the committee chairperson.

My Goals for the year:

- To promote the Association of North Carolina Cancer Registrars at all times.
- To complete a salary survey. I will be speaking to this
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New ANCCR Officers for 2000-2001

President-Teresa Jarrett

Vice President-Deborah Carrethers

Secretary-Sheila Walker

Treasurer-Melanie Rogan

WEB-SITE IS LIVE

You can reach ANCCR's home page at <http://www.ncregistrars.com>. Use the "contact us" feature to submit your comments. Cathy Rimmer will continue to manage the web-site. Members should have received a letter informing them how to access the "members only" corner. The latest issue of *The Sentinel*, the ANCCR membership roster, and hospital/staffing information is available.

We'd like to list hospital cancer centers web-sites as links. Please let Cathy Rimmer know if you want your hospital listed as a link. Also, please let her know of other resources to list. There is an "Announcement" section if you have job information to post. Job postings for NC hospitals will be listed as well. If your hospital is having an oncology lecture or series, we can post these too. Membership forms and Luna M. Woods nomination forms are available from the site.

RECENT OR UPCOMING SURVEYS BY ACOS

Transylvania Community Hospital 7-31-00

Valdese General Hospital 10-13-00

M. R. Pardee Memorial Hospital 11-14-00

Contact these hospitals for survey related questions.

subject more in later columns, but I am forming a committee to oversee a salary survey.

- To seek grant funding to pay for our web-site.

MEMBERSHIP

If you know of a new registrar who would be interested in ANCCR membership, please contact Patricia West. Her phone number is (919) 966-2607. Her e-mail address is PWest@unch.unc.edu

Outgoing President's Message

Elizabeth Mullis, RHIT, CTR

NCRA Liaison, Immediate Past President

The time has come to a closure as my being President of ANCCR. I now look forward to serving in a different capacity as NCRA Liaison and Immediate Past President of the Association. I will continue to serve all members and keep them informed of news from NCRA. As we do start a new year I would like to add my congratulations to the new members of the board and wish them well for the coming year. If you have any concerns regarding NCRA, please give me a call or e-mail and I will forward them on to the appropriate persons at NCRA. Below are some of the highlights from the NCRA Board of Directors meeting in Lenexa, KS.

- Name change-the Regional Directors Forum has been changed to "Members Forum with the Regional Directors"
- All 12 cancer awareness monthly activities will be added to the website. The bylaws will also be added.
- Salary, Compensation and Staffing Survey results ready by 3/30/01 to be distributed at national meeting.

A Special Tribute of Recognition to One of Our Own

Lou M. Woods, CTR

It is with great pride that we single out and salute one of our own, Linda Mulvihill, ART, CTR, upon her accomplishments not only in the Association of North Carolina Cancer Registrars, but also in the National Cancer Registrars Association, having been elected as President-Elect, and to be installed as President in Orlando next May. As a member of ANCCR for 14 years, Linda has served as secretary 1990-1992, President 1992-1993, and as speaker and presenter at many programs. She received the "Lou Woods Award" in October 1995. Our earlier joint regional workshops for new registrars between the Association of North Carolina Cancer Registrars and the North Carolina Central Cancer Registry have been formalized into an annual event called "Fundamentals for New Registrars". Linda Mulvihill has been the driving force behind this event, aided by program speakers within ANCCR and the CCR. Linda has been active in both the NCRA and AcoS and has been on their speaker bureaus. Linda has served us all very professionally in North Carolina with ambition, dignity, grace and vision. She embodies a gentle spirit and is a truly great lady.

We are proud that North Carolina's own Linda Mulvihill will add all her special qualities to the NCRA as President and will certainly make her mark with a resounding impact across the sands of time in the history of NCRA. Linda, we love and respect you and with you every success now and through the years to come. Keep the "vision" and registrars' humanitarian torch flame brightly burning!

Presented at ANCCR meeting 9-6-00 by Lou M. Woods, CTR

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REMINDER:

In order to receive the \$50 reimbursement from ANCCR for passing the CTR exam you **MUST BE A MEMBER BEFORE TAKING THE EXAM.** In order to receive the one year free membership for passing the exam you **MUST BE A MEMBER BEFORE BEING RECOGNIZED AT THE ANCCR MEETING AS A NEW CTR.**

Membership forms can be obtained from Patricia West or from the ANCCR website.

THINKING OF PUTTING YOUR ANNUAL REPORT ON LINE?

Here is a listing of annual reports that are on-line.

Temple University Hospital 1997 Cancer Program Annual Report
<http://www.templecancerprogram.com/temple/1997Report/index/htm>

Queen's Medical Center Cancer Program
<http://www.queens.org/qmc/services/cancer/cancerprog/htm>

Methodist Healthcare 1999 Cancer Report
<http://www.sahealth.com/1999CR/index.asp>

Hartford Hospital
<http://www.harthosp.org/cancer/main.html>

San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center Cancer Program 1993-94 Annual Report
http://www.sf.med.va.gov.sfvamc_cancer_report.htm

Forrest General Cancer Program
<http://www.forrestgeneral.com/oncology.htm>

Highland Park Hospital 1997-98 Annual Report
<http://www.hphosp.org/cancer>

Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center
<http://www.cancer.mgh.harvard.edu>

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center Cancer Program
<http://www.csmc.edu/cancer/map.htm>

Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center
<http://www.ucihealth.com/cancer/index.htm>

Suburban Hospital 1999 Annual Report
<http://www.openseason.com/suburban/services/CancerReport1999/default.html>

Submitted by: Cathy Rimmer, BA,Mdiv, CTR

JOB OPENING FOR A CANCER REGISTRY COORDINATOR

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 Cancer Registry
 Zimmer Cancer Center
 PO Box 9000
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FUTURE ANCCR MEETINGS

SPRING 2001-ASHEVILLE, NC

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FALL 2001-WINSTON-SALEM, NC

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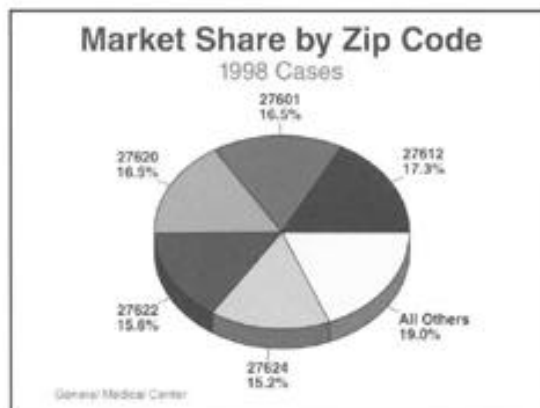
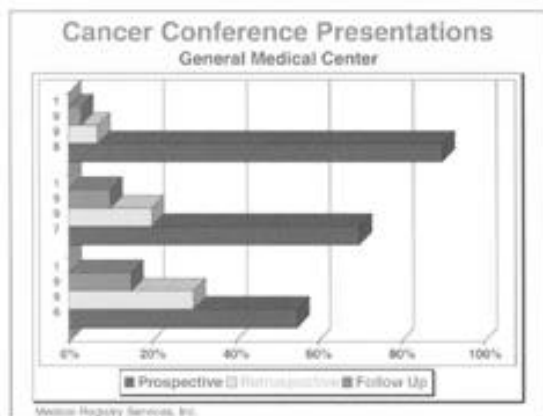
CTR Exam Schedules	
Date	Application Deadline
3-10-01	2-1-01
9-15-01	8-1-01

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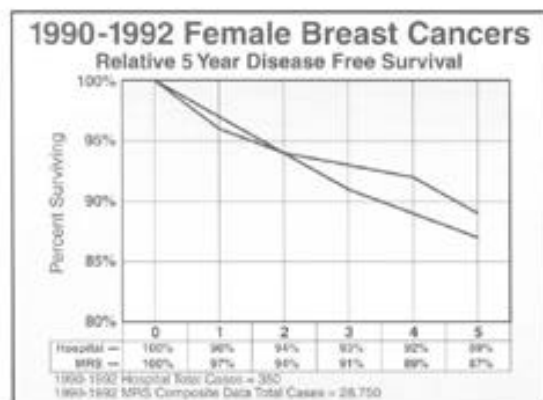
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