

The Sentinel

The Newsletter for the Association of North Carolina Cancer Registrars

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Message from the President: Elizabeth Tucker, CTR

Hello everyone,

Wasn't the fall meeting absolutely wonderful? The quality of the speakers and their presentations were as good as any I have heard in the past. It is very difficult for a speaker to present information that the newest registrar and the veteran can both learn from. If you can have a home run in a meeting-I think it was accomplished in Charlotte, 2004. Many thanks to all of those who helped with the program: The staff at Carolinas Regional, Presbyterian, Gaston Memorial, and Union Regional. I served as a resource for these individuals, and I know how very hard they work! Good job, Ladies! Also, congratulations to Inez Evans on receiving the Luna M. Woods award! She has spent many hours working for our organization and has seen it though many changes. Those of us who have worked with Inez (yes, even trained by Inez), know that she knows her stuff. We are proud of you!

Our next fall meeting will be held in the Research Triangle. The Program Committee has met to make plans for next year's meeting. The Program Committee is not new for 2004, but it has been restructured from the original format. The Executive Board felt with as important as the fall meetings are there should be input from several areas before it is presented to them for approval. Carol Burke, VP, Inez Evans, Education Chair, Deborah Carrethers, (member appointed by President), and a representative from the previous host hospital and someone from the current host hospital.

How do you like your first issue of the *Sentinel* via email? With the cost of postage, the time involved in printing, labeling and mailing, it was thought we should try email. Let me know how you like it. For those who do not have e-mail the Sentinel will be faxed or mailed to them. The Sentinel will also be available in the Members section of our web site. If any of you have announcements, change of staff or address etc., please let Adaline Brown know at Adaline.Brown@mosescone.com. She will include it in the next issue of the Sentinel.

I want to remind each of you who have not paid your annual dues, after December 1, 2004 there will be a \$25.00 late fee added to the \$25.00 annual dues. With the holidays coming up, things will be getting hectic let me encourage you to pay the dues now. Membership in our organizations provides an excellent opportunity for networking and meeting peers. NCRA is also an excellent means to do this. Information regarding NCRA membership is on our web-site.

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President's Letter cont'd:

Those of you who are in the "even cycle" it is time to start getting your CE summary forms prepared. We are also able to submit these online. Make sure you have copies of your CE hours in case you are audited. The deadline is February 28, 2005.

For all of those who recently passed their CTR exams, please send verification of having passed your exam and we will send you your well earned \$50.00 and also a year's membership to ANCCR.

On a personal note, I want to thank you for electing me to the office of President. I am humbled that you would allow me this privilege. I do not take it lightly. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. My email is etucker@hprhs.com and my phone number is 336-878-6703. If I do not know the answers, we will find some one who does.

Take care



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LUNA M. WOODS AWARD

This award was established on April 22, 1993 and named in honor of **Luna M. Woods, CTR** (*Certified Tumor Registrar*). The **Tumor Registrars Association of North Carolina** (*TRANC*) is a non-profit educational organization that was begun under the inspiration and leadership of Mrs. Woods, Chief Registrar at Duke University Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina on June 28, 1977 with consultation from Mr. Willard Webber, Cancer Program Advisor, of the American College of Surgeons. The first annual TRANC meeting was held at Moore Memorial Hospital in Pinehurst on September 21, 1977 with twenty-eight cancer registrars present. On November 16, 1995, the name *TRANC* was changed to the **Association of North Carolina Cancer Registrars** (*ANCCR*).

The **Luna M. Woods Award** reads:

The Luna M. Woods Award which was established and named in honor of the founder of TRANC is hereby proudly presented to: _____ who has demonstrated dedication, educational leadership, extraordinary enthusiasm, tireless commitment, professional achievement or outstanding and attentive faithful service that benefited the Tumor Registrars Association of North Carolina (Association of North Carolina Cancer Registrars) and the tumor registry profession.

Signed/dated by: _____ current President of ANCCR

The *first* Luna M. Woods Award was presented on April 22, 1993 at the TRANC 1993 Spring meeting in Raleigh to **Luna M. Woods, CTR**.

The *second* LMW Award was presented on September 23, 1993 to **Carol Dickinson, CTR** (Quality Control Manager, North Carolina Central Cancer Registry) at the TRANC 1993 Fall meeting in Burlington

The *third* and *fourth* LMW Awards were presented on September 15, 1994 to **Cathy Rimmer, CTR** (Cancer Data Program Coordinator, Forsyth Memorial Hospital, Winston-Salem) and to **Judy Robertson, CTR** (Tumor Registry manager, Duke University Medical Center) at the TRANC 1994 Fall meeting in Greensboro.

The *fifth* LMW Award was presented on April 20, 1995 to **Judy Wazenkewitz, CTR** (Tumor Registrar, Gaston Memorial Hospital, Gastonia) at the TRANC 1995 Spring meeting in Hickory.

The *sixth* LMW Award was presented on October 6, 1995 to **Linda Mulvihill, CTR** (Quality Control, Central Cancer Registry) at the ANCCR 1995 Fall meeting in New Bern.

The *seventh* LMW Award was presented on April 9, 1997 to **Tim Aldrich, PhD** (Director, North Carolina Central Cancer Registry) at the ANCCR 1997 Spring meeting in Charlotte.

The *eighth* LMW Award was presented on September 8, 1999 to **Judy Robertson, CTR** (Quality Control, North Carolina Central Cancer Registry) at the ANCCR 1999 Fall meeting in Raleigh.

The *ninth* and *tenth* LMW Awards were presented on September 25, 2003 to **Annie Blanche Sellars, CTR** (Cancer Registrar, Rex Cancer Center), and to **Gloria Regan, CTR** (Rapid reporting, UNC Lineberger Cancer Center) at the ANCCR 2003 Fall meeting in Hendersonville.

The *eleventh* LMW Award was presented on September 16, 2004 to **Inez F. Evans, CTR** (Manager, Cancer Registry, WFUBMC) at the ANCCR 2004 Fall meeting in Charlotte.

For further information about ANCCR, please go to our web site www.ncregistrars.com.

Submitted by Judy, Robertson, CTR (ANCCR Historian) 9/9/04.

LUNA M. WOODS AWARD (how established)

- 1. Award established April 22, 1993***
- 2. Named in honor of Luna M. Woods, CTR, foundress of Tumor Registrars Association of North Carolina (TRANC).***
- 3. Nomination “form” may be in writing or may be electronic (e-mail)***
- 4. Nominator must be an ANCCR member-in-good-standing.***
- 5. Nominee need not be a member of ANCCR.***
- 6. Deadline for submission: the nomination form must be received by the ANCCR Historian at least two (2) weeks before the ANCCR meeting.***
- 7. Nomination “form” must give as many details as possible why the nominee deserves this award.***
- 8. Approval must be 100% from the four (4) elected Board members:***
 - President***
 - Vice-President***
 - Secretary***
 - Treasurer***



Nomination Letter for Inez Evans for Luna M. Woods Award

I am honored and privileged to nominate Inez F. Evans for the “*Luna M. Woods Award*”.

Inez has demonstrated all the qualifications we all as cancer registrars and healthcare professionals should strive for. Her dedication, leadership, enthusiasm, tireless commitment and professional achievements are only a few of her special attributes. Inez has been one of the driving forces in our organization. Inez has served as President (three terms (1986, and 1996-1998), Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and has served on each of the different committees of ANCCR. She has served in some of these positions not one but two years or more. At present she is serving as our Educational Chairman.

She has served ANCCR in coordinating several excellent educational meetings. She has been a vital contributor to our Association in our training workshop (“*Training in Cancer Data Collection*”) held once a year for new cancer registrars. She has been a leader in sharing her knowledge and expertise with new registrars and with some of us “older” ones for years.

Inez has also written and shared several articles for ANCCR’s newsletter, The Sentinel. Inez has always been there to answer any questions that I have had as a Cancer Registrar.

She has not only served in all areas of ANCCR, but has also been active and involved with NCRA, our national organization. She has been a regional representative and served on the nominating committee of NCRA. I am sure she has served in other areas that I am not aware of.

Inez has always been willing to go above and beyond in giving assistance and advice as needed. Inez has served ANCCR with faithful, attentive and selfless service. I am honored to nominate Inez for the “*Luna M. Woods Award*”.

Annie Blanche Sellars, CTR

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Submitted on September 1, 2004 to Judy Robertson (ANCCR Historian), and approved by the 2003/2004 ANCCR elected Board: Melanie Rogan (President), Elizabeth Tucker (Vice-President), Deborah Poovey (Secretary), and Bobbie Herring (Treasurer).

Personal words from Luna Woods about Inez Evans

Hello Everyone,

Inez, I have always been so very proud of you. This is a well-deserved honor. You have done so much for our association. Filling so many shoes in a variety of offices and tasks. You have also served NCRA generously. I- is for intelligency, ingenuity, industriousness. N- is for natural, never negative and noble. E- is for eagerness, eloquence, excellence and energy. Z- is for zealousness and zest. Sorry I can't be with you. Please also accept my heartfelt thanks. Well done, our good and faithful servant. A bit of humor.....You're so young, just keep on going and going. You have been a very bright light on our horizon. Long may you bask in that light. May God truly bless you and yours and our ANCCR members, now and always.

Love and Best Wishes,

Luna M. Woods
(as dictated to Blanche Sellars)



Inez Evans (left) and Terry Jeanes (right) at the ANCCR Meeting in Charlotte, NC

Hospital Profile

Moses Cone Health System Regional Cancer Center 501 N. Elam Avenue Greensboro, NC 27403

Our cancer registry is different from many because we not only abstract cases for Moses Cone Health System (MCHS) but we also maintain registries (databases) for 2 other cancer programs as well. MCHS is comprised of 4 campuses consisting of Moses Cone, Wesley Long (also home of the Regional Cancer Center), Women's Hospital and Annie Penn. We operate registries for Morehead and Randolph Hospital as well. The registry started at Moses Cone in 1990 and we started accessioning cases for Women's Hospital in 1991, Morehead in 1995, Randolph, Annie Penn and Wesley Long in 1998.

We have been extra busy with accreditation surveys in the last year and half. Moses Cone had their survey November 2003 and Randolph Hospital recently gained ACOS certification for the first time in February 2004, and Morehead Memorial Hospital will have their survey sometime in early 2005.

Between all Moses Cone Health System campuses and both outside registries we had over 3100 new cases accessioned into our database last year. Our registry now has ~30,000 cases in its database. We use Electronic Registry Systems software.

Cancer Registry Staff:

Noelle Vargas, MS, MA, BS-HIM, CTR-- Supervisor

Years of Registry Experience: 14

Outside Interests: Religious dance and art, alternative medicines, thriller romances. Excited to reconnect with family/friends, and to find such outstanding tumor registry personnel involved with ANCCR as well as within my own staff. Pleased to have 3 apprentice/students working with me in November.

Adaline Brown, RHIT, CCS, CTR

Years of Registry Experience: 3 ½

Outside Interests: Husband (Frankie), 3 children (Michael, Jason, Cindy), 4 grandchildren (Tyler, Tyeshia, Samuel, Ashlyn), love to shop, hike and love spending time with grandchildren

Glenda Coble

Years of Registry Experience: 14

Outside Interests: Enjoy family and friends, the lake, reading, animal and jokes.

Deann Gilliam, CTR

Years of Registry Experience: 11

Outside Interests: Enjoys spending time with husband, Bryan (married 10 years) and 6 year old daughter Haley

Kathy McCoy, BA in Business from WSSU (Works ~10 hrs wk)
Years of Registry Experience: 12 cancer registry & 2 years in a trauma registry (finds both challenging and interesting)
Outside Interests: In spare time, enjoys collecting Black Art, reading, physical fitness & spending time with 11 year old son.

Tomieka Quick
Years of Registry Experience: 2
Outside Interests: Enjoys reading, cooking, shopping, traveling & spending time with and friends and loved ones

Eddie Smith (Works ~ 20 hrs wk)
Years of Registry Experience: 2 ½ years coordinating cancer conferences
Outside Interests: Avid Coca-Cola collector and enjoys spending time with family and loved ones.

Donna Calicutt (Outsource Abstractor)
Years of Registry Experience: 16
Outside Interests: Golf, Oil Painting and spending time with her dog, Annie and my four grandchildren and one on the way



Letter from the Editor

As new editor of the *Sentinel*, I want to introduce myself to all that may not know me already. I have been married for 29 years to a wonderful and understanding husband, Frankie. We have 3 children, Michael, Jason and Cindy along with 4 grandchildren all under the age of 3. (Tyler 2 ½, Tyeshia 2 ½, Samuel 1, and Ashlynn 2 ½ months).

I have worked at Moses Cone Health System for 13 years. I was in Medical Records for 9 ½ years before I came to the Cancer Registry. I earned my CTR credentials in March 2003.

I really enjoy working in the challenging field of cancer registry. Hopefully, with the data we are collecting to enhance research, cancer will no longer be a terminal disease in the near future.

Please let me know if there are any articles or any items of interest that you would like to see published. Feel free to call me at (336) 832-0832 or e-mail at adaline.brown@mosescone.com.

Just a reminder, if there are any open positions at your hospital, you can submit them to be published in the *Sentinel* for free. Please let me know if you know of a cancer registrar that earned their credentials in 2004. I would like to recognize them in the next issue of the *Sentinel*.

Hope you have a safe and happy holiday season!

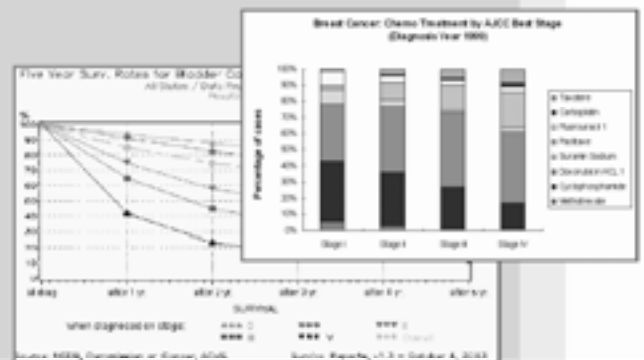


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