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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

WATCH OUT, LAS VEGAS, HERE WE COME! The national AMT convention this year will be held at the JW Marriott Las Vegas Resort and Spa at Summerlin, Nevada (12 miles from the Las Vegas Strip). Don't worry though, there is shuttle service from the resort to and from the airport and the Las Vegas strip. We have elected 19 delegates from Florida to represent us and hope as many of you that can make it, will join us for a really fabulous time. In addition to the great continuing education programs where you can get up to 22 continuing education credits between Monday and Thursday, there are social activities that are loads of fun for everyone. Besides that, -the Florida AMT "family" spends a lot of time interacting with each other and the wonderful friends we've made by attending other national conventions in the past.

AWARDS: The Florida State Society is very proud to announce that SOLOMON GOLDENBERG, RMA(AMT), who won the National Feature Writing Award last year, will be receiving the AMT Distinguished Achievement Award this year in Las Vegas.

Winners of the Florida State Society awards, which will be presented on June 5th in Ft. Lauderdale, are:

ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL
OF THE YEAR:

Silvia Romero, MT

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST OF THE YEAR:

Karen Hurban, MT

RMA OF THE YEAR:

Solomon Goldenberg, RMA

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD:

Alice Macomber, RMA, RPT

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT:

Deborah Janeczko, RMA

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION:

Jill Jacobs, RMA

CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM

We are hoping that you all can make it to our Continuing Education Conference on Saturday, June 5, 2010. The program is in this newsletter.

INTERESTED IN A REVIEW PROGRAM TO GET READY FOR AN EXAM OR JUST UPDATE YOUR KNOWLEDGE BASE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT?????

We have had numerous requests around the state to host a one day review program for people who plan to take the MT, MLT, RMA and RPT exams. We plan on doing the first one sometime in August (date to be announced) in Ft. Lauderdale. If we get a good response, we will hold the same programs (MT/MLT review and a separate RMA/RPT review) at other locations around the state – possibly Jacksonville, Tallahassee and either Lakeland or Orlando. If you would be interested in attending a review session close to your home, please let me know by e-mailing me at flakaylab@yahoo.com so that we can be sure you get a notice of the meeting. We only publish this newsletter twice a year due to mailing costs, but send out other notices of CE meetings via e-mail and announcements on our website.

Wishing you all a great summer, filled with good health, prosperity and happiness!

Kay Ferguson, MT



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EDITOR'S REPORT

Starting with our next issue, we want to feature pictures of members and articles written by members. The articles can be scientific in nature or you just telling us interesting information about your job. Our members work in so many different work settings – hospitals, private or research labs, all types of physician’s offices (general practices, neurologists, orthopedics, gynecologists, gastroenterologists, health, pain and fertility clinics, etc.....) and we’d love for you to share your experiences (omitting private patient information, of course). These stories can be humorous, heart-wrenching or just plain interesting and/or educational. Please forward these articles and your pictures to me by e-mail at mtcrow@bellsouth.net.

Richard Crowner, MT, RPT

Do you already have all the continuing education credits required to renew your state license and/or your AMT national certification???????

The deadline for credits for state licensure is August 31, 2010.

**You can earn 7.25 credit hours at our June 5th conference in Ft. Lauderdale (program on pages 5 and 6)
Or 22 credit hours at the AMT National Convention in Las Vegas**

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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S MESSAGE

I will be glad when spring finally gets here, because I am tired of the cold weather. Well with spring around the corner it looks like the Council will have another busy year. Today marks one year from the miracle on the Hudson and it was so entertaining to have Jeffery Skyles to attend our National convention last year. He talked about how important teamwork along with training and following procedures made the miracle that took place on January 15th into the Hudson River. Speaking of National, it will be at the JW Marriott Las Vegas Resort Spa at Summerlin on July 12-17, 2010. Make plans to attend now. Also, I would like to remind the southern states to make plans to attend the Magnolia conference February 25-27,2010. The program will be on the website soon and it looks great with 20 hours of continuing education.

I must commend Diane Powell and the home office staff for selecting this beautiful site for our 2010 National Convention taking place July 12th thru 17th. I promise you that you will not be disappointed with this selection. The grounds are beautiful and the views from your rooms are spectacular. While I'm telling you about the resort; I urge all attendees to visit the "Rewards Counter" located in the casino. Get a "Rampant Rewards" card. Even if you don't gamble, this card will get you discounts on meals every day, plus other advantages.

Diane reported to the Council that the program is 90% complete. There will be 2 workshops taking place on Monday. The Friday night entertainment will be a dinner show with some excellent impersonators "The Ratpack is Back". The leadership conference held on Thursday of that week promises to be very educational for the State officers. The Council has obtained the services of three speakers which I believe will be of much help to all of the officers of each state. There will be a shuttle service from the airport for \$32.00, which is cheaper than \$60.00 one way for a taxi. Look for details in the next AMT Event publication coming soon.

They have selected Miami, Florida for the 2011 convention site. It will be a joint meeting with CASMET. National Dental Assistant week is March 7th thru 13th. National Medical Laboratory week is April 18th thru 24th. Take time to promote your profession, you have earned the kudos.

Chris Damon reported to the Council that AMT has hired on a part time basis, Camille Murray as Education Manager. She will be working to develop online CEU opportunities along with different ways to obtain CEU's.

Cathy Celia, our Marketing Manager, has been very busy spreading AMT around the world. She urges AMT members to go to the AMT website and view the different web home sites from various states. Home office is waiting to help any state wanting to set up individual state web sites.

I plan to attend the Magnolia and the Carolina Clinical Connection this spring and I can't wait to see my old friends and look forward to meeting new ones. I look forward to see you at National.

Thank you,
Shannon H. Newman,BSMT
Southern District Councillor



FLORIDA STATE SOCIETY AMERICAN MEDICAL TECHNOLOGISTS

in conjunction with the
FLORIDA COALITION OF PROFESSIONAL LABORATORY ORGANIZATIONS
present your

SPRING 2010 CONTINUING EDUCATION CONFERENCE

to be held at

KEISER UNIVERSITY

1500 N. W. 49TH Street, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33309

JUNE 5, 2010

For more information, call Kay Ferguson at (904) 282 – 9040 or e-mail: flakaylab@yahoo.com

PROGRAM

SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2010

7:30 am – 1:30 pm REGISTRATION (5th floor lobby)

- 8:00 am – 9:00 am 1. **THE PATIENT HAS WHAT?**
1 contact hour
Microbiology
#08-034-10
A review of taxonomy and unusual organisms found in the Microbiology Lab.
KAREN KELLY, MT(ASCP), Microbiology Supervisor
Watson Clinic, Lakeland
- 8:00 am – 10:00 am 2. **MEDICAL ERRORS**
2 contact hours
Medical Errors
#08-035-10
Reporting, recording and heavy emphasis on prevention of medical errors.
JO ANNE KOCH, DLM(ASCP), MLS(ASCP), MT(AMT)
District I Director, Florida Society for Clinical Laboratory Science
*Mandatory for laboratory re-licensure in Florida
- 8:00 am – 10:00 am 3. **UPDATE ON RADIOLOGY IN THE PHYSICIAN'S OFFICE**
2 contact hours
General
#08-036-10
Basic radiology, anatomy and common - as well as rare x-rays, skeletal MRI's and CT scans seen in the physician's office will be presented.
SOLOMON GOLDENBERG, MSc, FRCGP, RMA (AMT), Radiology Technologist
Neurology Associates Group, Miami, Kendall and Plantation
(Formerly a Physician from London, England).
*AMTIE credit only
- 9:00 am – 10:00 am 4. **THE INDICES AS A PREVIEW TO THE DIFFERENTIAL**
1 contact hour
Hematology
#08-037-10
Discussion will focus on the relationship between indices and what you see on the differential smear.
NILIA MADAN, MBA, MT(ASCP)SH
Governor Appointee, Florida Board of Clinical Laboratory Personnel
MLT Program Coordinator, Miami Dade College, Medical Center Campus, Miami
- 10:00 am – 10:15 am COFFEE / DONUT BREAK
- 10:15 am – 11:15 am 5. **ANTIBODY IDENTIFICATION – RULING IN AND RULING OUT**
1 contact hour
Immunohematology
#08-038-10
Confused about Homozygous/Heterozygous? Learn some simple rules to make antibody identification easier.
YVONNE ANTONGIORGI, MT(ASCP), Blood Bank Supervisor
Florida Medical Center (a major cardiovascular surgery center), Ft. Lauderdale
- 10:15 am – 11:15 am 6. **POINT OF CARE TESTING, STRATEGIES AND STRUCTURE**
1 contact hour
General / Chemistry
#08-039-10
Reaching efficient, proficient and compliant goals in Point of Care Testing, (waived and moderate complexity testing performed at bedside and in physician offices).
EDWINA F. SZELAG, MHM, BSMT(ASCP), Point of Care Testing Coordinator
Health First, Inc., Holmes Regional Medical Center, Melbourne



SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2010, continued:

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| <p>10:15 am – 11:15am
1 contact hour
Rules/Law
#08-040-10
*Mandatory for laboratory re-licensure in Florida</p> | <p>7. <u>FLORIDA LABORATORY PERSONNEL LAW AND RULES</u>
Overview of the regulations that all licensees should be familiar with.
BRENDA VAN DER HEYDEN, BSMT (ASCP)
Governor Appointee, Florida Board of Clinical Laboratory Personnel</p> |
| <p>11:15 am – 12:30 pm
1.25 contact hours
Supv./Admin.
#08-041-10</p> | <p>8. <u>ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN DO THAT????</u>
Discussion and examples of tasks that may put you at risk of being in violation of clinical laboratory laws, rules and practices (both Federal and State).
PATRICIA L. JAMES, BS, MA, Laboratory Consultant
Former Health Services and Facilities Consultant Supervisor
Florida Agency for Healthcare Administration, Lab Unit</p> |
| <p>11:15 am – 12:30 pm
1.25 contact hours
HIV/AIDS
#08-042-10
*Mandatory for laboratory re-licensure in Florida</p> | <p>9. <u>HIV / AIDS UDATE</u>
Discussion of disease, prevention, modes of transmission, testing and treatment.
JEAN PIERRE, Senior Healthcare Specialist
Florida Department of Health Aids Program, Broward County</p> |
| <p>12:30 am – 1:15 pm</p> | <p>LUNCH (included) DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS</p> |
| <p>1:15 pm – 3:15 pm
2 contact hours
Admin. / Supv.
#08-043-10</p> | <p>10. <u>FEATURE SPEAKER (GENERAL SESSION for ALL employed personnel)</u>
<u>GENERATIONAL DIFFERENCES IN THE WORKPLACE</u>
Heightened awareness and understanding of the generalized differences among generations will be presented in order to decrease misunderstandings, conflicts, stress, discomfort, frustration and miscommunication, and to increase effectiveness in the workplace without reinforcing stereotypes.
LEROY MELL, PhD., MBA, HCLD (ABB), Clinical Laboratory Director
Integrated Regional Laboratories, Ft. Lauderdale</p> |
| <p>3:15 pm – 3:45 pm</p> | <p>COFFEE / SOFT DRINK / COOKIE BREAK DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS</p> |
| <p>3:45 pm – 4:45 pm
1 contact hour
Chemistry
#08-044-10</p> | <p>11. <u>SCREENING FOR METABOLIC SYNDROME</u>
Increasing prevalence of disease, causes and consequences, diagnosis and treatment.
SILVIA ROMERO, BS, MT (AMT)(ASCP), MS Health Services Administration,
MSN - Family Practice, ARNP, Take Care Health Clinic @ Walgreens
Lab Supervisor, Doctor's Hospital; Adjunct Faculty, Miami Dade College, Miami</p> |
| <p>3:15pm – 4:15 pm
1 contact hour
General
#08-045-10</p> | <p>12. <u>DEALING WITH DIFFICULT PEOPLE</u>
We all want to be able to experience positive outcomes, keep everyone happy, and handle any situation. Get tips on dealing with difficult patients, co-workers, and demanding bosses. Don't let "problem" people effect your productivity and well being.
ALICE MACOMBER, RN, RMA, RPT, AHI (AMT), CPI, BXO
Regional Director of Florida Medical Assisting Programs, Keiser University</p> |

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The “ * AMTIE credit only” notice on a few of the courses signifies that these courses are not lab related - therefore may not be used for renewal of your Florida laboratory license. They are intended primarily for our Registered Medical Assistant membership for renewal of their AMT Certificate of Competency. However, if you lab folks already have enough credit for renewal, many of these courses are of interest to all participants, so feel free to attend. All other courses are approved for State and AMTIE credits.



**PRE - REGISTRATION FORM
FSSAMT / FCPLO FALL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE
JUNE 5, 2010**

KEISER UNIVERSITY, 1500 N. W. 49th Street, FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33309
For additional information, call Kay Ferguson at (904) 282-9040 or e-mail: flakaylab@yahoo.com

Name _____

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Member of another Professional Organization? (please indicate name) _____

Make checks payable to: FSSAMT
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Please circle the sessions you plan to attend:

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Directions to Keiser University:

From I – 95, exit at the Commercial Blvd. exit. Go WEST, cross Powerline Rd. (1st traffic light) and within approx. ½ mile, you will see the 2nd traffic light and the Holiday Inn Express and Suites Executive Airport on the left. Turn left at the next street (only way you can turn). That street is Spectrum Way and you will see an op-art display in the median of that street. Go one block and you will be at Keiser University.

From the Florida Turnpike, exit at Commercial Blvd. You will go left (EAST) after coming out of the toll booth. Keep going East, across Hwy 441, past N. W. 31st Street - past Prospect Rd (approx 6 miles from the turnpike). Start looking for Spectrum Way and the op-art display on your right. Turn right and go one block to Keiser University. If you pass the Holiday Inn Express and Suites Executive Airport, you can turn right on N. W. 15th Street. Go one block to Spectrum and look to the right (Keiser University is the 5 story building).

FOR OUT OF TOWN GUESTS, OUR HOST HOTEL IS THE HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS AND SUITES, EXECUTIVE AIRPORT, LOCATED at 1500 WEST COMMERCIAL BLVD. (in front of KEISER UNIVERSITY). To make your reservations, call (954) 776 - 4222. Ask for Ericka at ext. 200 and the AMT special rate of \$89 plus 11% tax.

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Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

July 12 - 17, 2010
AMT National Convention
Las Vegas, Nevada