



A.S.R.C.T. Ticker Talk

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The next scheduled annual general meeting will be held in Edmonton on May 15, 2004.

Early registration:
\$30.00
(Before April 15, 2004).

Late registration:
\$35.00
(After April 15, 2004).

Please make cheques payable to ASRCT. Attendees will receive 5 CEU's.

Mail registration to Donna Mooney at 3314 - 40a Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T6T 1P2.

Lots of exciting speakers and great door prizes!!!

To be held at The Greenwood Inn 4485 Gateway BLVD Edmonton, Alberta.

Phone # 1-780-432-1100.

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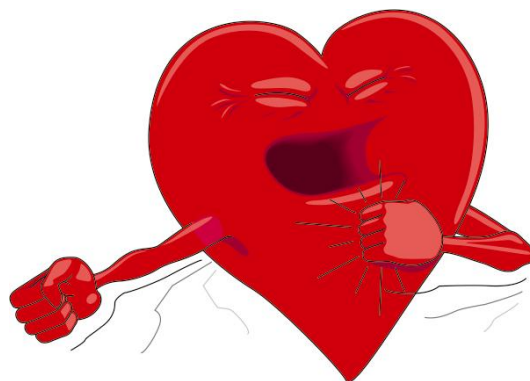
Did you know that an octopus has 3 hearts?

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone and welcome to 2004. I'm sure by now everyone is into full swing with school, kids, work and RRSPs (whatever those are?). Just to let you know some of the issues your executive has been working on are the infamous talk of the town, none other than, yes you guessed it, CEU's!! Krista Cornell has been working trying to establish a database for everyone's hard earned work and also in trying to correlate CEU's for different functions. More discussion will ensue at the AGM. ASRCT will also have a website up and running (hopefully) by the time the AGM floats around and we will be able to show members what it looks like. This venture was done at an inexpensive cost to our society. Soon we will be able to link with other pertinent websites and possibly other health regions. Wish us luck!

PROVINCIAL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

We have a new College joining our existing higher educational institutes for the purpose of educating the new Cardiology Technologist pursuing this profession. Red River College (Manitoba) signed on and had their first students enrolled in January 2004. Discussions are occurring with SAIT in regards to having a program for Alberta residents. This is in the preliminary stage as Wendy Wilson and Chris Knighton conduct further investigation. Convention reminder: October 23 - October 27, 2004 in Calgary, Alberta. Preparations are underway for the CCC Educational meetings. This year's program is shaping up nicely and promises to be highly educational for CSCT delegates attending. Social activities will also be taking place to provide an opportunity to mingle with your colleagues. Plan to attend and book early!!



A beating heart...

EDUCATION COORDINATOR'S MESSAGE

By the end of April 2004, we'll have the first Alberta students from BCIT writing the new computerized National Registration Exam. Everyone is looking forward to this new process. Once the student has written and PASSED their National Registration Exam, they will become active members and pay dues the following year. Three students have moved to Ontario for 9 months to attend a formalized approved in-house Cardiology Technology program. They will return to Alberta for their practical and then write the CSCT registration exam. Remember this may be an option for some rather than BCIT correspondence program. Students taking any educational program can become an associate member with ASRCT anytime. The requirement is 6 months before writing the National Exam. If you are a member early with ASRCT we'll know who you are and hopefully guide you through the process. The CSCT web site www.csct.ca contains information regarding CSCT exam format, structure, method of scoring, sample questions and applications etc. There is an access to the CSCT Examination hand guide and Exam Links for practice questions. Anyone can review the mufti media interactive video online. In 2003, 35 candidates wrote CSCT Registration Exams online based on CSCT Occupational Profile which identifies responsibilities related to knowledge and skills associated with the Cardiology Technologist profession.

FAVORITE RECIPES

This section will be used for all you connoisseurs that wish to swap and trade yummy recipes. Recipes may or may not be heart smart. Hey we all know that healthy food tastes bad and junk food is great. So let's live on the edge and send in your recipes. We will try to update this spot every 3 months to give you lots of time to experiment. Let's face it folks, without bad hearts and clogged arteries, we're all out of a job!!

Send your recipes to:
dave.namur@calgaryhealthregion.ca



TICKER BITS

This spot is a new concept that your Editor and Publisher have thought up. Ticker bits will be a new idea where members will be able to look for things such as: Upcoming events in their home town that others may be interested in, general information stuff, tips you'd like to pass along to other members that you've maybe found helpful in your experience, travel tips and reminders, the sky's the limit. Be as creative as you like.

This is meant to be a fun interactive newsletter you know. However there are guidelines to be considered. You may not advertise your children for sale or swap your children. We'll try this concept for 1 year. If this newsletter is a smash who knows, we may even syndicate. Success to this newsletter depends on your input.

You can send your thoughts or ideas to dave.namur@calgaryhealthregion.ca or mariedaryl@shaw.ca.

KRISTA'S BITS

Just to let everyone know, the deadline for CEU's is drawing closer (Dec 31, 2004). Thank you to those that have filled out your forms and sent them to me. For those that haven't, please try to get them to me ASAP so I can ensure that you have enough. I have been getting many people asking me how to get CEU's and what they're worth. Basically it works out to 1 CEU per hour. This can be done many ways such as: attending the AGM, attending the CCC, rounds at your local hospital, CPR and/or CPR refresher, reading books/periodicals pertaining to your job or giving presentations to your colleagues. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to call me. You can download the CEU form from the ASRCT website (www.asrct.ca), call 1-403-248-5127 or email kmacornell@shaw.ca

IN MEMORIAM

We were all deeply saddened to hear about the sudden passing of Frances Wawryko, our Treasurer/Registrar. As many know, Frances had been battling with health issues for sometime. Members will remember the amount of time and dedication Frances spent with the ASRCT, defining who we are today. We also want to acknowledge another dedicated member of the profession, Millie Tate ARCT, who passed away in the summer of 2003. On behalf of the executive and members of ASRCT, we recognize the hard work and dedication these members have contributed.