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Remember: All information to be included in the Journal must be in the Editor’s hands by the copy deadline dates listed above. Any information received after that date may be published in the next issue.
The Fall Meeting will be held at Hollywood Casino, St. Louis, Missouri on October 3rd and 4th, 2014. We will be having one guest speaker on Friday evening and several on Saturday. There are several things in the area that you can do outside the meeting, one of them being the St. Charles Octoberfest. I look forward to seeing all of you at the fall meeting and hope to have a huge turnout. Remember registration is free for all active students. Active members can earn continuing educations credits.

The 76th Educational Program and National Meeting was held in Chicago, Illinois on July 6-11, 2014. I attended some great seminars and attended several training session. I want to congratulate Deborah Westervelt for becoming an AMT board member. Missouri State Society also received the Honor Roll State Society for meeting all the guidelines for state societies.

I would like to encourage all Missouri members to attend the 77th Education Program and National Meeting that will be held in Kona/Kohala Coast, Hawaii from June 22 – June 25, 2015 at the Hapuna Beach Prince Resort.

The Spring 2015 Meeting will be held April 4, 2015 in Kansas City, MO. We will be holding the Fall 2015 Meeting in Branson, MO. Look for more information for the upcoming meetings on the MOSSAMT website this summer.

If any of our members have suggestions on topics they would like to learn more about, or if you would like to host a meeting at your place of employment/school, please contact me with this information. If you know someone wants to present at our meetings let me know that as well. I look forward to hearing from our members. You can contact me at smithfam1997@sbcglobal.net

Thanks,

Alberta Smith, RMA, AHI, MSTD

MOSSAMT President
As we conclude the celebration of AMT’s 75th birthday, the words describing our National Convention are: “a good time was had by all”.

Central District did extremely well with awards this year:
- District Achievement – Tonda Ellis, CMLA, RPT.
- Exceptional Merit Awards – Lia Spears, MT.
- Pillar Awards – Art Contino, AHI, RMA and Cecil Hunt, MT.
- Silver Service Awards – Vernon Bass, MT and Kathy Sutton, MT.
- Cuvello Award – Roxann Clifton, MT.
- Friend of AMT - George Raven. Norman Frankel
- Outstanding Student Awards, MLT Student - Heidi Zuniga.
- Student Technical Writing Awards:
  - 1st Place: Marcia S. Haverly, MLT Program,
  - 2nd Place: Tiffany Jackson, MLT Program
  - 3rd Place: Shelby McVicker, MLT Program.
- State Society Publication Awards – 3rd Place: Kim Meshell.

Because of all the officers and editors diligent efforts, Central District was again perfect in Honor Roll status. As a result of all this I was awarded the “Becky Award”. I salute all of our winners.

Future Meetings include the Magnolia meeting in Gatlinburg, TN. on October 17th and 18th, 2014. 2015 National Convention will take place in Hawaii. This meeting will be casual attire.

There will be no gift baskets for this year in Hawaii. Gift cards will be given by states, in 2016 we will return to baskets.

The 2016 National Convention will be held somewhere in the Southern Region. National Lab Assistants Week will be held the 3rd week of October.

Election of Board of Directors winners are: Everett Bloodworth, MT, Ken Hawker, MT. and Deborah Westervelt, RMA.

I look forward to attending one of your State Meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Swopes, MT, AMT
Central District Councillor
Summer is about to come to an end, and the children are back in school. I hope this time finds you all well.

The fall meeting looks to be a good one. The will be our first two day meeting, or at least one night and a day meeting. It will be held at the Hollywood Casino St. Louis. We, the board members, hope to make this one the best one yet, so please plan on attending, and earn some CEU’s and have a great time as well.

This journal will have meeting information, articles, pictures of this past Spring meeting, delegate letters from this past National Meeting and more.

The second meeting of 2014 will be October 3rd and 4th at the Hollywood Casino and there is a block of rooms, look for more information inside the journal.

The National Meeting of 2015 will be in Hawaii. This will be held June 21 – 26, 2015. You can also find information on the meeting at www.americanmedtech.org for more information.

The first meeting of 2015 will be in Kansas City, MO for our Spring meeting.

All of these meeting will be great, and I hope to see you all at all three this year and next.

The journal is a publication for you the state members, and I would love to hear from you, the state members for some ideas to add to the journal, so contact me by E-mail at donnamaenelson@hotmail.com and remember to put journal in the subject line.

See you all in St. Louis this October 3rd and 4th.

God Bless you all;

Donna Nelson, RMA, CPC
Missouri State Editor
Top Left: Everyone is visiting with friends before the meeting starts.
Top Right: Celebrating Susan’s 40th birthday, cake for everyone.
Middle Left: Kevin W. Lollar, MD, FACS “Otolaryngology, Oral Cancer”
Middle Right: Elizabeth Smith; Bachelor in Bio-Chemical Engineer “Education/Misinformation in Education and the Medical Field”
Bottom Center: Recertifying for BLS, getting ready to practice CPR
The 75th Conference in Chicago, Illinois was (without a doubt) filled with educational opportunities and wonderful times with family. It’s difficult to put into words all that are gained by attending the National Conference. All of the sessions are packed with interesting and valuable information that only add to the knowledge base of our members.

There were several favorites for me this year:

- “Brain Mapping in Health and Disease: The Final Frontier in Medical Technology” presented by Dr. Jane Yip
- “Basic Lab Review for RMAs” presented by Marty Hinkel, MT
- “The Vampire Diaries: The Tale of Healthcare Acquired Anemia” presented by Dr. Kyle Riding
- “DNA in Forensic Investigation” presented by Katherine Sullivan, MT (ASCP)

Take a minute and think about how much you could learn in 4 action-packed days in beautiful Hawaii. You could earn CEU’s and enjoy all the beauty of the island. All you have to do is start saving and planning now. Consider attending as a delegate (more information will be shared at both the Fall and Spring MOSSAMT meetings).

The absolute highlight of my week was Thursday at the business meeting. Strange, I know but let explain why. I was elected to serve you the members of AMT. An honor that I am incredibly proud to hold. Please let me know if there is anything that I can do to assist you.

Please understand that the AMT National Meeting is so much more than CEU’s, it’s a time of fellowship, memories, and friendships. AMT is truly a family, a close family that welcomes new additions at any time. So, join us in 2015.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as a delegate for our state society again this year. I hope to see many of you at the October meeting in St. Charles (Hollywood Casino).
IT IS TIME FOR THE FALL MEETING

SO LET’S GAMBLE ON SOME NEW CEUs

**WHEN:** FRIDAY 10/03/2014

AND

SATURDAY 10/04/2014

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With Appetizers

AND

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7:30AM – 5PM

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Friday, October 3, 2014
And
Saturday, October 4, 2014
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Friday Night Registration will be at 6:30pm

Friday, October 3, 2014 at 7:00 pm

Speaker: To Be Announced

Topic: To Be Announced

Appetizers will be served Friday Night

Saturday, October 4, 2014

7:30 am – 8:00 am Registration

At the time of the printing of the journal, there are four speakers that have confirmed:

Dr. Jason Ameling will be speaking on “Blood Work”

Dr. Lauren Ameling will be speaking on “Adrenal Fatigue”

S. Scott Collier will be speaking on “Effects of Synthetic Drugs”

Zena Mers will be speaking on “SARS”

The speaking times for the above speakers were not known at the time of the Journal, but when they are know, as well as the multiple speakers that have not confirmed yet, I will post them on our state web site, that can be obtained by going to www.americanmedtech.org then looking for State Societies, and then look for Missouri.

Lunch will be provided at Noon. The Business meeting will take place at 5pm. There will be door prize drawings though out the day. I hope to see all of you there, and let’s have an Ace of a good time!!!!
Delegate Letter for the 76th Educational Program and Annual Meeting July 6-11, 2014

I would like to thank the Illinois state society and the American Medical Technologist for holding a great Conference in downtown Chicago. I have been to Chicago several times in the past but am still amazed at how big the city is and how many individuals travel the streets continuous. I enjoyed taking a walk on the sandy beach on Lake Michigan.

The Illinois State Society did an amazing job with the welcome part and award banquet. The Welcome Party was set as a circus theme and several different types of finger foods were served along with popcorn and cotton candy.

The American Medical Technologist celebrated their 75 years at the conference. AMT put together a great video that showed the progression of AMT through the years. I enjoyed seeing where AMT was 75 years ago and how far they have come in the 21 century.

The general session on Brain Mapping in Health and Disease: The Final Frontier in Medical Technology intrigued me. I am amazed that they can hook up electrodes to patients and tell what different diseases/disorders an individual has or may have in the future. Dr. Yip hooked up a volunteer from the audience and demonstrated how the brain waves worked when having the audience members ask the volunteer questions. It was funny to see how the volunteer’s brain waves changed as he answered the questions. They can tell different types of behaviors and also the patients IQ…although they didn’t share the volunteers. This could be a huge breakthrough for early detection of certain diseases/disorders such as Alzheimer’s.

I enjoyed the conference, learned new information, visited with old friends and made some new ones, and cannot wait until next year’s AMT National Meeting. The 77th Educational Program will be held in Kona/Kohala Coast, Hawaii from June 22 – June 25, 2015 at the Hapuna Beach Prince Resort. The only problem I can see with Hawaii hosting next year’s conference…..is the beautiful beaches overtaking the sessions (maybe some of the sessions could be held under cabanas on the beach).

Thanks,

Alberta Smith, RMA, AHI, MSTD
Missouri State President
Sugar – Free Strawberry Cream Cheese Pie

½ Gal. (1%) milk
1 qt. fresh strawberry or 2 boxes unsweetened frozen strawberries
1 stick melted butter
2 (8oz) fat free cream cheese (room temp.)
1 c. chopped pecans
1 (8oz) container fat-free Cool Whip
1 ½ cups flour
10 to 12 pkg. Equal
2 pkgs. Sugar-free instant vanilla pudding (2 ½ c. milk each box)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a 13 x 9 inch casserole mix; butter, pecans and flour. Pat out to cover the bottom for the crust. Bake until it is golden brown. Remove from oven to let it cool.

Mix in bowl, cream cheese, 4 packages of the Equal and enough milk to thin to a spreading consistency, set aside.

In a separate bowl, mix the instant pudding (using 2 ½ cups milk per box), set this aside.

In a third bowl, slice the fresh strawberries or frozen strawberries, whichever one you have. Add 6 – 8 packages of Equal, or to taste.

Once the crust is cool, layer cream cheese mix, pudding mix, and the strawberries. Top it off with the Cool Whip. Refrigerate till it is to be served.

Makes 8 to 10 servings.

Recipe was submitted by: Sharron L. Ivie, RMA Branson, MO
News from National

On Thursday, July 10, 2014, during the AMT Annual Business Meeting, state delegates elected three members to the Board of Directors. Everett Bloodworth, MT, from Kentucky, was reelected for another term, and Kenneth E. Hawker, MT, from Utah, and Deborah L. Westervelt, RMA, COLT, from Missouri were elected for the first time.

Later on that afternoon the board appointed the following slate of National officers:

President: Everett Bloodworth, MT  
Vice President: Jeffrey Lavender, MT  
Secretary: Heather herring, MT, RMA  
Treasurer: Jeannette Hobson, RMA, RPT, CMAS, AHI

National Medical Assistants Recognition Week:

Registered Medical Assistants (RMA) and AMT will be celebrating National Medical Assistant Week (NMARW) October 20 – 24, 2014. Please joint AMT in promoting this important event that recognizes medical assistant’s vital role, contributions and efforts in health care and help us begin raising awareness of the profession today.

Digital AMT Membership Cards:

AMT is bringing you the convenience of a digital AMT membership card! Now there is no need to wait for your new card to arrive in the mail. Once you pay your annual renewal invoice, you can print your AMT digital card following three easy steps:

1. Login to the AMT website with your Username and Password.
2. Go to “My Homepage,” “Members Reports” section.
3. Print your AMT digital card.

If you prefer to receive your card by mail, just check the appropriate box on your online invoice or the invoice you will receive in the mail.

National Meeting Education Sessions:

If you were not able to attend this past National Convention, ten sessions from the AMT convention are being developed as on-demand courses for continuing education. Each course consists of a Power-Point synced with audio from the presentation. National will let you know when these courses are available.

Job Interview Cheat Sheet: Hiring Managers

Your resume may get you the job interview, but impressing the hiring manager in the only way to land the job. Oftentimes, highly qualified candidates fail their job interviews without even knowing why. In healthcare, it is important to understand that the attributes a hiring manager looks for during the interview may be very different from hiring manager would look for outside the medical field. Healthcare hiring managers are looking for punctuality, politeness, compassion, and a candidate’s experience. If you convey these traits and skills during your interview, you will certainly impress the hiring manager.
MEETINGS TO LOOK FOR:

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MOSSAMT Spring Meeting
April, 2015
KANSAS CITY, MO

AMT 77TH Educational Program & National Meeting
June 21 – 25, 2015
Kohala Coast, Hawaii
Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel

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Branson, MO

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