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District Councillor's Message



Ivette Rivera, RMA, AHI,
RPT (AMT), Eastern District Councillor

Greetings Officers, Board Members, and Members! It was a joy meeting everyone present at the 2019 AMT Educational Program and National Meeting in Chicago. We are an AMT extended family. Meeting, interacting, assisting, building bonds, teamwork with the preparation for the sessions and activities of the convention is always an honor. There were 401 attendees at the convention. I received many positive feedbacks on the new format of the AMT Welcome Party. It was organized, relaxing, and enjoyable. A personal reflection is that along the way, at the convention we grow personally and professionally, while learning new things and helping our peers.

Congratulations to all the award winners of the Eastern District! The awards and winners were:

1. **Exceptional Merit Awards** (*recognition of outstanding activities and services to AMT and its members at both the state and national levels*)

Cherry Ann Da Costa-Carter, MT RPT-NY
Robin A. Miliner, MT-MD

2. **Pillar Awards** (*recognition of continuous services to AMT and its members at the state levels*)

Leonila B. Sumarsono, RMA, RPT-NY

3. **Silver Service Awards** (*recognition of continuous services to AMT and its members at state and national levels*)

Melissa Jean Bishop, RMA-PA

4. **OC "Skip" Skinner Armed Services Award** (*recognition of active or retired member of the armed services*)

Robin A. Miliner, MT-MD

5. **Leona Lyons Carter Award** (*granted to a State Society in recognition of superior achievement and services to the benefit of AMT and its members*)

New Jersey State Society

Thank you, Tatiana Casal, RMA, NJSSAMT past President, past officers, and the past board members for stepping up when the state underwent reorganization. And congratulations Margaret Blaetz, CLC, MLT, President/Editor, Susan Smuzinsky, RMA, Vice President, Martha Howard, RMA, Treasurer, and Board Members for their continuous services to AMT and members of the state society.

6. **State Society Honor Roll** (*recognition of the states who have met the active state guidelines by holding more than one state educational and business meetings, two board of director meetings, one audit, and publishing two state publications*)

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81st Educational Meeting in Chicago



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New York
Maine/New Hampshire
West Virginia
New Jersey
Pennsylvania

Congratulations!!

Thank you everyone for all the work and time rendered in providing services to AMT and the members of the state society. Keep up the great work!

7. Fifty years pin recipients (*registrants are honored by AMT for 50th years membership in 2019*)

Harriet May Al-Masswari, MT-PA
Virginia Wingate, MT-DE
Joan Behan, MT-MA
Edna Grace Ziegler, MT-PA
Charlene Maturi, MT-ME*

Congratulations!!!

*Charlene passed away and will be remembered for her endless passion, inspiration, and dedication with her family, profession, and AMT.

After the election and reappointments, lets congratulate the National AMT Officers:

President:

Jeannie Hobson, RMA, RPT, CMAS, AHI- CA

Vice President:

Christopher Seay, MT- TN

Secretary:

Deborah Westervelt, RMA, COLT- MO

Treasurer:

Kenneth Hawker, MT- UT

and the newly elected member into the Board of Directors:

Kathy Sutton, MT- MS

Many schools competed in the AMT Student Challenge Bowl. Once again, I was happy to meet and witness the students from the Swedish

Institute, College of Health Science, NYC as they participated in the student challenge bowl.

Remember to submit nominations for the John M. "Dusty" Rhodes Life Award. The nomination fillable form is available on the Virginia state society (VSSAMT) website. National level does not exclude the members who work on the state society level because it is the foundation of the AMT organization. The Virginia State Society Life Committee will make the selection from the nominations received.

The next AMT Educational Program and National Meeting is at Albuquerque, New Mexico in the Hyatt Regency on July 13 – 17, 2020. Hot air ballooning is very popular because of its splendid scenic view. Keep vigilant for further convention update email blasts from the AMT office staff.

I hope everyone enjoyed the summer, and now are diligently busy planning meetings, events, activities, and working on the state society publication. Meet the deadlines, I know you can do it!!! It is evident the importance of the State Society. It is priceless witnessing how the local state society runs. The teamwork planning of the educational meetings, board meetings and business meetings with AMT office involvement. The members must step up and get involved by attending the state society meetings and the AMT National Educational Programs and National Meeting. The state society membership's input enhances the state society plans and many of the AMT plans and programs. Keep moving forward, let your light shine!

Congratulations MA in recognition of the Medical Assistant Week October 21 -27, 2019. Thank you for your vital role and contribution to quality patient health care.

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Thank you for allowing me to render my services. I wish everyone heartfelt Happy Holidays!!!

Hope to meet you at the next 2020 Albuquerque, New Mexico AMT Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ivette Rivera, RMA, AHI, RPT (AMT),
Eastern District Councillor*

President's Message



*Kelard Boursiquot, RMA-AMT
President, DC, DE & MD SS of AMT*

Welcome all members of DC, DE & MD SS,

Hard to believe that we are at the end of the year getting ready for the holidays. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer with plenty of rest and fun in the sun.

AMT's 81st Educational Meeting in Chicago, July 1-5, 2019, was a great success with over 400 attendees! Myself, I enjoyed the sessions and activities that available. A great learning experience to be had for all. I am looking forward to next year's meeting in Albuquerque, NM, July 13-17, 2020. Start planning to attend now, its never too early. Remember, this is a time to refresh, sharpen your skills and learn new ones, along with connecting or reconnecting with fellow AMT colleagues. Most of all developing your network capabilities. Also, bring your family along to partake in the activities available for them.

As we approach this year's flu season, do not forget to get your flu shot along with any other vaccines that you may need. Its all about YOUR

health, for you, your protection, and from those around you.

Along with all the good news, there is some less than good news. Our State Society really needs you and your talents to ensure we keep going and stay alive for YOU!

I would like to THANK our District Councillor Ivette Rivera, for all her support and for her attendance at our Spring State Society meeting. She defiantly brings, not only to our district but to AMT a wealth of knowledge and compassion for all our disciplines and AMT.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday season. I look forward to seeing you at the Spring State Society Meeting, March 27, 2020.

Most importantly, it is with much pleasure to again, THANK our Immediate State Society Past President, Robin Miliner, for ALL the support she brought and continues to bring to our state society unconditionally. there for us.

Do not forget, we have a dedicated email address account just for our state society correspondences:

AMTDCDEMD@gmail.com

You can use it to communicate and or still email me directly. Share the gmail address with others who may have comments or questions for our state society or AMT.

DC, DE & MD STATE SOCIETY Member - Delegates Quotes

Ketlard Boursiquot, RMA- "I had a hard time on choosing which session to attend." "The State Society Leadership Training was great!"

Mahkaping Feko, MT- "I was honored to attend this annual educational program and national meeting one of the delegates." "I was fortunate to attend, learn and acquire updated information from the following; Exceptional

DC, DE & MD STATE SOCIETY Member - Delegates Quotes Cont.

Experiences, Drug-Like Molecules from the Microbiome, Proficiency Testing, Be Prepared-Tips and Tools for a Successful CAP Inspection and Government Affairs Roundup-Policy Issues Affecting AMT Members.”

Robin Miliner, MT- “Another GREAT educational opportunity to “sharpen” my skills and network.” “The State Society Leadership Training was very enlightening and worth every minute.”

Check next issue for Member Quotes from: **Cecilia Monteiro, MLT, Leslie Hasegawa, MT, Robert Levy, MT, and A. Chris Pontious, COLT**



A. Chris Pontious, Leslie Hasegawa, Robin Miliner, Ketlard Boursiquot, Robert Levy, and Cecilia Monteiro, 81st Educational Meeting, Chicago 2019

DC, DE & MD STATE SOCIETY: Bits & Pieces

Good Samaritan Effort. I have had the opportunity to share in the overwhelming joy of a fellow coworker. She was “at the right place, at the right time!” Ms. Toni Pollar, utilized her skills and training as a medical assistant to perform CPR on a heart attack victim. Her joy was that she chose to keep her credentials and CPR training current and valid. You just never know when you need to get into action.

Ketlard Boursiquot, RMA

DC, DE & MD STATE SOCIETY: Member Highlights

October 21-25, 2019

Bethesda Medical Associates, celebrated with full honor and appreciation to their Medical Assistants. They were showered with gifts, expressing their appreciation and recognition, for all their medical assistant contributions to the success of the practice. The week started off Monday with a small token, a pen and ended up on Friday, with a special breakfast and gift! Thanks BMA!!!



Ketlard and Staff at BMA

Employment Opportunities

Contact: Ketlard Boursiquot, RMA
Medical Receptionist Floater (1 position)
Medical Call Center Specialist (2 positions)

AMT Educational Program & Meeting Future

82st Educational Program & Meeting 2020, we will be in Albuquerque, NM at the Chicago Hilton Hotel, 720 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60605 July 13-17, 2020.

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DC, DE & MD Spr Mtng.... March 28, 2019
NRMAW..... October 25, 2019
Dental Assistant Wk.....March 2020
NMLPW.....April, 2020
*should you be interested in supporting and being on a committee for any recognition week please contact the State Society President.

DC, DE & MD SS Spring Meeting, CCBC,
Catonsville, MD

Our Fall meeting at CCBC



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