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Hello Everyone! Most of you have experienced the Global warming effects of winter! The climates all over the USA have been horrendous, snow in California and Arizona, floods in Tennessee, tornadoes in South Carolina, and record snowfalls in our Great Lakes District. These are unusual for our areas. This may help with catching up on the indoor tasks that need to be completed and enjoying family time that is much needed. I know we are enjoying the family time.

Our great Lakes District this past year has had many ups and downs. We are starting the new year of 2019 with our AMT Great Lakes District state societies growing and flourishing throughout the region. We do have a great leadership in our states which includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin. One of the things that stands out within American Medical technologist organization is the states societies. We have great learning opportunities within our own states with current continuing education sessions in each state would entice our attendance. Each year there are several opportunities for our AMT members to attend these state educational sessions in the spring and/or fall. They are usually on weekends for member convenience. I invite you to go to the www.americanmedtech.org website and look under you state society for your next in person educational session in your state.

The Great Lakes District also does have a unique district conference every other year. We had our Great Lakes District Conference this last fall and it was fantastic! Thank you to the AMT State Society of Ohio for hosting the event in West Chester, Ohio at the Marriott Hotel. The food was delicious! The speakers were up to date and very informative. We would like to thank the AMT State Society of Michigan and president Pat Dare for hosting a fabulous speaker: Chip Madera—www.chipmadera.com. There were many hands at work to hold this

conference. Thank you to Ohio president, Sheryl Scott and her team for putting this all together and Vanessa Austin for cleaning up the pieces at the end. Thank you to president of Minnesota, Clara Boykin for idea of the computerized surveys. The surveys on the conference came back with very positive feedback and much valuable information. The Great Lakes District Conference hosted at least 45 new members and had over 250 people in attendance. Many thanks go out to each and every one of you who participated in any way to make the conference a success. We will continue to hold Great Lakes District Conferences, watch for the next location in 2020.

American Medical technologist organization is always working to help with your continuing education needs. It has been a highly respected certification agency for 80 years! You may log into the www.americanmedtech.org website and sign up to take a REACH module course to get an EKG certificate or immunization certificate online.

As you require your continuing education credits necessary for your CCP renewal, you will need to record them somewhere. A great way to keep an ongoing record is to utilize your AMTRAK as explained in the video on the AMT National website. Please be sure to keep your own folder of documents as these do get audited randomly.

This summer, the AMT national convention is in Chicago, Illinois from July 1- July 5, 2019 is at the Chicago Hilton Hotel. Watch for flyers in the AMT Events. The Early bird registration is 295 dollars, BEFORE May 1st. You log in and sign up at www.americanmedtech.org.

Hope to see many of you at the AMT national convention! Come let me know when you are there and say "Hello"! I welcome you to join in and have fun while getting some great education and building strong networks. You may meet some people who may be experiencing some of the same things you are in this changing medical world. You may also wish to get to know your leaders in your state as it is a great organization to be part of!

In closing, I would like to thank each of the state presidents, officers, board of directors, committee members and members that make up this district for your time and commitment to this AMT organization. It does not go unnoticed and it is much appreciated.

Bev Christiansen, RMA

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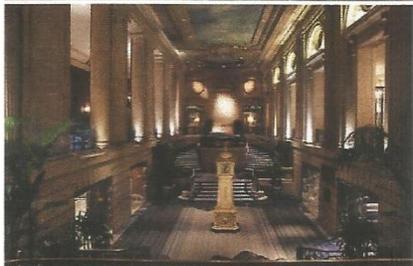
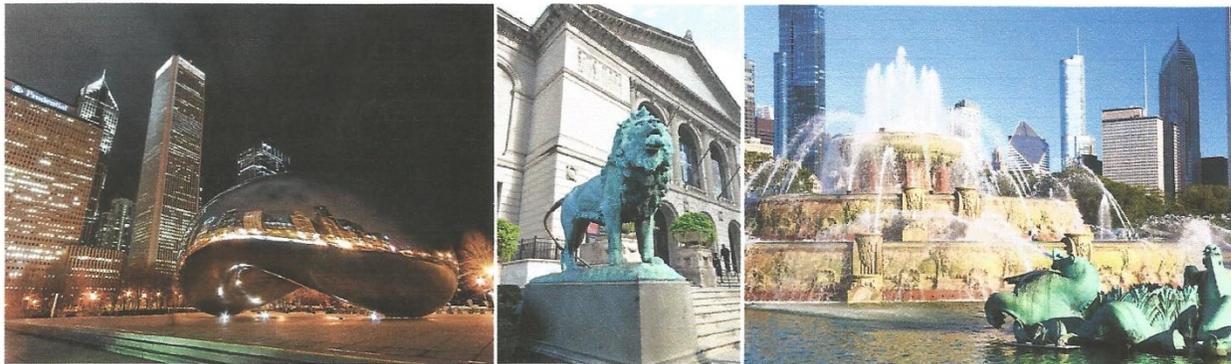


Mark Your Calendar – July 1-5, 2019

AMT in Chicago

81st Educational Program and National Meeting

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Lyme Disease,

Lyme disease is caused by four main species of bacteria. In the USA, Lyme disease is caused by *Borrelia burgdorferi* and *Borrelia mayonii*. In Europe and Asia, *Borrelia afzelii* and *Borrelia garinii* are the leading causes of Lyme disease. Lyme disease is transmitted by the bite of an infected black-legged tick (deer tick). Ticks thrive in grassy and heavily wooded areas. It's best to take precautions in tick-infected areas.

Early signs and symptoms may include a rash (erythema migrans) at the site of the tick bite, fever, chills, fatigue, body aches, headache, neck stiffness, and swollen lymph nodes. If untreated, later signs and symptoms may include erythema migrans on other areas of the body, joint pain – arthritis, and neurological symptoms, episodes of dizziness, shortness of breath, nerve pain, facial palsy, shooting pain, numbness or tingling in hands and feet, inflammation of brain and spinal cord or problems with memory. Less common signs and symptoms may include heart problems, eye inflammation, liver inflammation (hepatitis), or severe fatigue.



A doctor should be seen, if you were bitten by a tick and have symptoms. Lyme disease is unlikely if the tick is attached for less than 36 to 48 hours. Consult your doctor even if the symptoms disappear.

The best way to protect against Lyme disease is to coverup, use insect repellents, do your best to tick proof your yard, check your clothing, yourself, children, and pets for ticks, and remove a tick as soon as possible.

To diagnose Lyme disease, your doctor will likely ask about your medical history and could order a lab test – Enzyme-linked immunoassay (ELISA) test. If ELISA is positive a Western blot test is performed.

Lyme disease is usually treated with oral antibiotics for 14 - 21 days, but intravenous antibiotics for 14 – 28 days may be used in situations involving the central nervous system.

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References: Medline Plus <http://medlineplus.gov/>

CDC <http://cdc.gov>

Mayo Clinic <http://mayoclinic.org>

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President's Message

Hello Brewer fans-

The opening days are upon us. And Spring has sprung. It was a long WI winter. Many of us are still digging out of the snow. It seems like just yesterday that I met so many nice people at the Great Lakes District Conference. I hope many you were able to attend and take advantage of the low cost and the many credits that were offered.

The National Meeting will take place July 1-5, 2019, in Chicago at the Chicago Hilton Hotel. There is so much to see and do in Chicago. My family took a trip a few years ago and we hit a few major attractions, such as the Field museum, Shedd Aquarium and Navy Pier. Early Bird registration is available May 1, 2019.

We are actively seeking members that want to be more active in our WI State Society. Please if you are ever interested email your state society at amtwisconsin@gmail.com.

Paula your State President

Editor's Message.

Hopefully you all survived the winter ok. We have not had a winter like this in a long time.

A reminder that you can contact an officer my going to www.amtwisconsin@gmail.com

Reminder that the National Meeting in Chicago is in July. Early Bird registration is due by May 1st. It is a great opportunity to get continuing education and meet with fellow members.

The state society is looking for members who are willing to share their expertise.

Upcoming events

**AMT 81st Educational Program and National Meeting
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