A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It’s hard to believe that our 42nd Annual Meeting, The Challenge of Change, begins on October 16th!

I have several reminders for those of you who will be attending:

- Full details of the meeting can be found at https://www.craneweb.org/annual-meeting/.
- Remember that paper handouts will not be distributed at the meeting – be sure to print out copies before you come! Presenter bios and handouts will be sent via email to registrants prior to the meeting.
- Don’t forget to bring something for the CRANE food drive! See page 2 for information on what is most needed.
- The Mystic Marriott Hotel and Spa is offering a 20% discount on services at the Red Door Spa to meeting attendees – use the code CRANE17. Check your 9/5/17 or 9/12/17 emails from CRANE for more details.
- Finally, be sure to visit our supporting vendors during breaks!

Representatives of the following companies and organizations will be attending the meeting: American Cancer Society, AstraZeneca, Celgene Corporation, CRStar by ERS (Electronic Registry Systems, Inc.), Elekta, Eli Lilly and Company, Genentech, Inc., Incyte Corporation, nThrive, Registry Partners, Inc., Takeda Oncology, and TerSera Therapeutics.

A special welcome to Dr. Fred Greene, our keynote speaker! Dr. Greene received his MD at the University of Virginia and completed an American Cancer Society fellowship at Yale. He was the director of the surgical oncology program for 17 years at the University of South Carolina. Dr. Greene is currently Adjunct Professor of Surgery at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine and Medical Director of the Cancer Data Registry for the Levine Cancer Institute in Charlotte, NC. He is a former chairman of the Commission on Cancer and the American Joint Committee on Cancer as well as Editor of the 6th, 7th, and 8th editions of the AJCC Cancer Staging Manual. I cannot wait to hear Dr. Greene present at our Annual Meeting.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Meeting!!

Nancy Lebrun, AS, CTR
2017 President
**Putting a great idea into action…**

Susan MacKenzie thought up the wonderful idea of collecting supplies for a local food group at the Annual Meeting. The Board enthusiastically agreed to this, but as always, how do ideas come to fruition? No one on the Board was actually from Connecticut, so how should we carry out this great idea in unfamiliar territory?

Cathy Gray was thinking about this and remembered that her own daughter, Emma Race, is a senior at Connecticut College, which is in New London Connecticut, 10 minutes from this year’s Annual Meeting site. Emma has always been active in the New London community while at college, working with youth groups and immigration advocacy and religious life.

Knowing Emma’s involvement in the New London community, Mother called Daughter for some insight into how to carry out the CRANE Board’s new and hopefully on-going mission to help the food banks of the local communities of our annual meeting sites. It just so happened that Emma’s college advisor, Professor Joyce Bennett, has collaborated with and worked with the New London Food Bank and Food Pantry for years. Emma reached out to Dr. Bennett about how best to work collaboratively to help the New London community’s food bank. With 160 attendees for the meeting, we can make a great impact and provide great assistance to the New London community.

Our donations will be given to the New London Area Food Coalition, which is a volunteer-run organization that serves over 1000 people every month. Dr. Bennett has checked with the Coalition, and their most-needed items are:

- peanut butter
- jelly
- canned tuna
- canned soups
- 1 lb bags of rice

(If you have already picked up other items, however, such as canned vegetables, they will gladly be accepted.)

As Susan has said over and over, giving back is so important. Let’s make sure we achieve great success with Susan’s initiative and make her proud of the CRANE organization. “CRANE GIVING BACK, DOING GOOD DEEDS”

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*-- Cathy Gray*
REMEMBERING APRIL FRITZ

We were all deeply saddened to learn that April Fritz passed away on Tuesday, September 12, of pancreatic cancer. April was a friend and mentor to many of us, and helped make the cancer registry profession what it is today. CRANE has been fortunate to have had a longstanding relationship with April, who never hesitated to accept an invitation to present at our meetings over the years. We’ve all benefited from her dedication to cancer registry education. She will be missed.

Please keep April’s family and friends in your thoughts during this difficult time.
The Massachusetts Cancer Registry (MCR) has once again subscribed to the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR) Cancer Registry and Surveillance Webinar Series for 2017-2018. The webinars include live question and answer sessions, quizzes, exercises, slides, coding moments, and various abstracting tools. Each of the twelve webinars is three hours and will be presented on the first Thursday of each month. The first webinar for 2017-2018 is Collecting Cancer Data: Prostate, which will be held on October 5, 2017. If your hospital is interested in hosting a webinar, e-mail Susan Gershman at susan.gershman@state.ma.us or call 617-624-5646.

Special thanks to the Massachusetts hospital registrars for all your help in the death clearance process! If you have any questions regarding death clearance, you can e-mail Barbara Rhodes at Barbara.rhodes@state.ma.us or call 617-624-5652.

Susan T. Gershman, MS, MPH, PhD, CTR
Director, Massachusetts Cancer Registry

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