



Hello All,

One of the most pleasant events at the recent ARRS meeting was the SRS reception. The joy of reuniting with old friends was palpable.

A comment commonly repeated that evening was "you haven't changed a bit." Whenever I hear that phrase I am reminded of an experience I recently had on a beach in Puerto Rico. Wearing a University of Vermont T-shirt, I was told by a passing lady that she in the past had been a patient in our hospital and wanted to know if I knew a friend of hers named John Tampas. OUCH!

Why relive this painful experience? In this issue we start a new feature showing vintage photos of SRS members, asking you to recognize who they are. Enjoy, and if you have photos that you believe qualify for future issues, send them to us.

John P. Tampas

ARRS 2009 Annual Meeting Highlights

The American Roentgen Ray Society enjoyed a successful annual meeting this year, despite troubled economic times. The meeting was held April 26-May 1, 2009 in Boston, MA.

Including guests, exhibitors and sponsors there were a total of nearly 3,000 registrants for this year's meeting.

The meeting included the 2009 Categorical Course on Practical Sonography and the Approach to Diagnosis: Case-Based Imaging Review, which covered neuroradiology, vascular and interventional radiology, breast imaging, gastrointestinal imaging and others. ARRS members also voted in favor of the strategic integration with the ACR which will take place on July 1.

SRS Activities

The SRS reception was a huge success at this year's meeting! Many SRS members and their guests attended making it one of the biggest turn outs ever. Everybody was able to socialize, mingle and enjoy hors d'oeuvres and cocktails in the heart of Boston's famous Back Bay area.

The SRS sponsored speaker program was also a big success. Dr. Gil Brogdon presented his topic on the history and development of forensic radiology.



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Dr. Ella Kazerooni and Dr. Ted Leigh



Dr. Andrew Poznansky, Dr. Frieda Feldman and Dr. Rubam Pochaczewsky



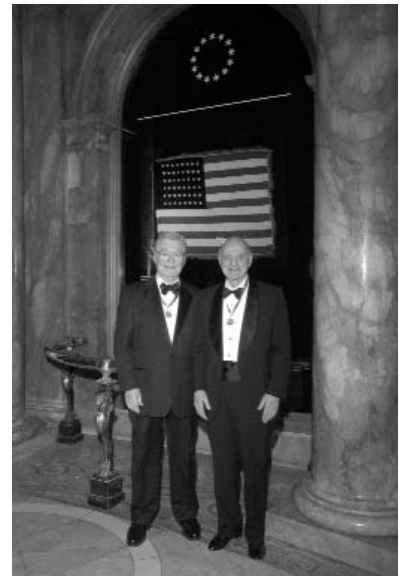
Dr. Leonard Berlin and Dr. Lee Rogers



Dr. Anton Hasso and Dr. Peggy Fritzsche



Dr. Joel Lichtenstein, Mrs. Colette Gramm and Dr. Herbert Gramm



Dr. Gil Brogdon and Dr. John Tampas



Dr. Jonathan Dehner and Dr. James Moorefield



Dr. Kay Vydareny and Dr. William Casarella



Dr. S. Lee and Dr. Jerome Wiot



What's New in Radiology?

New Study Indicates Radiologists Need Standards to Ensure Optimal Visual Accuracy

Radiologists, like professional pilots for example, depend on good vision as part of their occupation. However, radiologists unlike pilots are not required to undergo regular vision testing. A new study found that approximately 50% of radiologists surveyed indicated they don't recall ever having their vision tested or it had been 24 months or longer since their last vision exam.

The study, performed at four different types of hospitals in the US and abroad, included 48 radiologists who opted to undergo a brief survey before undergoing visual acuity testing. "Of the 48 participating radiologists, eight could not recall ever having their vision examined," said Nabile Safdar, MD, lead author of the study, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD. "Fourteen of the participants reported that their last eye examinations were 24 months or more in the past. One radiologist even indicated that it had been 15 years since his last eye examination," said Dr. Safdar. The visual acuity of the participants at any given measurement ranged from 20/30 to 20/10.

"Physicians and patients depend on the ability of radiologists to accurately discriminate findings and render appropriate diagnoses based on these findings," he said.

"Although the variation we found in visual acuity among radiologists is unlikely to have an influence on clinical diagnostic performance, as radiologists, we may have a responsibility to our patients and ourselves-to make sure our vision is as good as possible. In the future, professional guidelines should be considered to ensure optimal visual accuracy," said Dr. Safdar.

This study appears in the June issue of the *American Journal of Roentgenology*.

June

- 1-Ronald Ablow
- 6-Melvin Clouse
- 8-Bertrand B. Giulian
- 9-Patrick Dolan
- 10-Douglas E. Sanders
- 12-Konrad F. Kircher, Richard D. Lindgren
- 14-Paul E. Sangster
- 21-Sumner Holtz
- 25-Tearle L. Meyer
- 26-Dean D. Maglinte
- 27-Chet J. Baran
- 30-Jean Cadet, Michael Rokoff

July

- 1-Paul M. Capp
- 3-Jonathan Dehner
- 4-Blanca I. Goldszmidt
- 6-Juri V. Kaude, David Hunter
- 11-Fong Y. Tsai
- 12-Jose Anzalotta
- 19-James H. Scatliff
- 21-Edwin G. Goldstein
- 22-Elizabeth T. Cancroft, Arthur K. Walter, Ronald H. Miller
- 23-James Walsh, John B. Campbell
- 26-Teofilo L. Sia
- 28-Neil H. Messinger
- 30-Harold Spitz

August

- 3-Clarence N. Funaki
- 5-Edward C. Goldberg
- 6-John A. Knotte, Charles Simmons
- 10-Garrett Schepers, Allan Shippel, Robert D. Steele
- 11-Stover Smith, F. R. Jenkins
- 22-J.T. Telle
- 24-Jerome F. Wiot
- 25-David H. Baker
- 26-Cosmo Haun
- 28-Charles Mueller
- 30-Charles N. Griffin



Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego

Save the Date!



Tell us what you think...

Do you have any questions, comments or concerns when it comes to the SRS? If so, please contact Sharon Huffman, Member and Subscriber Services Manager at 800-438-2777 or email shuffman@arrs.org.

In Memoriam

The SRS remembers former member John Juhl, MD, founder of the first American department of medical physics. Dr. Juhl passed away peacefully at the home of his son in Santa Fe, NM, on Sunday, Nov. 9, 2008 at the age of 94.

Dr. Juhl is recognized for his many contributions to the University of Washington department of radiology and the entire field of imaging through his leadership in teaching, research and clinical care. Many remember Dr. Juhl's wit and aptitude for telling a good story.

The SRS also remembers former member Leon Love, MD, longtime radiology chair at Loyola University Medical Center in Chicago.

Dr. Love was well known for his urology expertise. He died of an apparent heart attack March 24 while snorkeling in Mexico. He was 85.

Guess Who?



This person will be revealed in the next issue of SRS Notes.