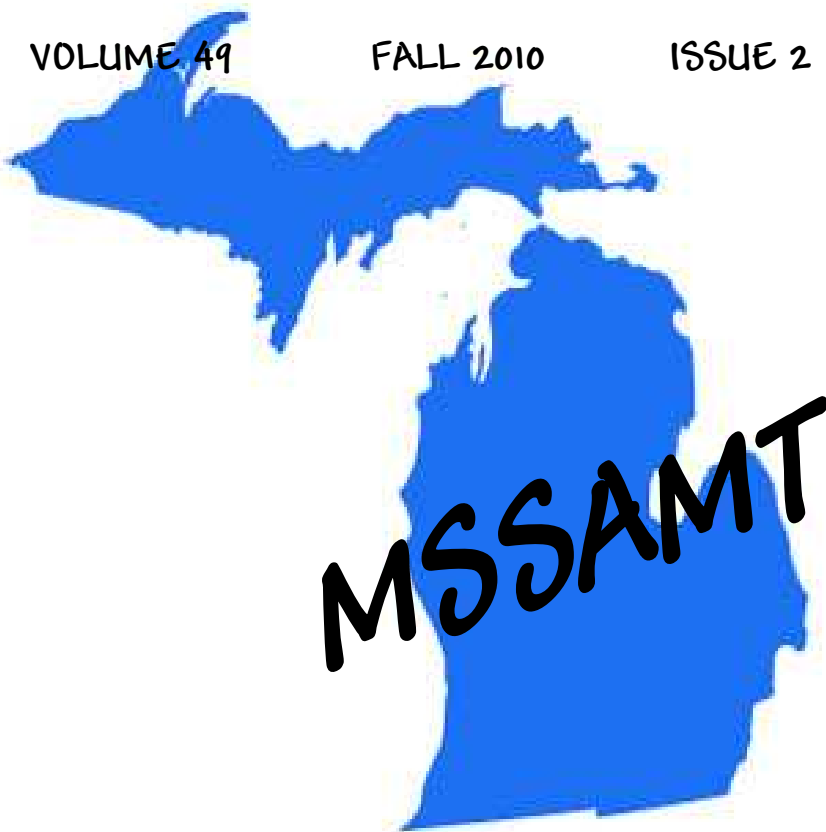


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Hello My Fellow Members,

It seems so long ago that I communicated with you. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. Even though our national convention was advertised as in Las Vegas, in reality it was held in a beautiful Marriott Resort in Summerlin, outside of Las Vegas. All the lectures I attended were very educational. I really liked the weather, the days were very hot, but the evenings were warm and breezy, perfect for walking.

At the awards dinner, Michigan had in all, six award recipients. **“What An Honor”**

Back in Michigan, our state scientific meeting was just around the corner. It was very successful; and to everyone who attended I want to extend a great big *“Thank You”*. (We had 248 students and over 68 members attending.) I hope you all want to come back next year. If you have not been able to attend, try for next year. Believe me the lectures are always excellent and you will be having a good time.

The dates for our 2011 state scientific meeting will be October 13-14-15.

Due to one of our speaker's illness, we had to replace the hematology lecture with Microbiology. Thanks to our Texas friend and former Michigander Taffy Durfee, for helping us out at the last moment. I appreciated it tremendously. As promised the Hematology lecture will be presented next October. This year at our scientific meeting dignitaries visited us from national.

Mrs. Camilla Murray, National Educational Manager
Mr. Jeffery Lavender, National Board Member
Mrs. Clara Boykin, Great Lakes District Councillor

I hope they enjoyed the lectures, the good food and friendly atmosphere.

Our 2011 national convention will be in Miami, Florida August 1 – 6. At the state meeting members already signed up to be delegates. If you would like to attend the national convention, please call me at 1-810-982-5651 and I will add your name to the list. In earnest, any questions you may have, you can call me anytime.

Until then I wish every member and their families a Most Wonderful Christmas and a Very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Sincerely,

Sieglinde Wildie MLT



Great Lakes District Councilor's Message...

Greetings Great Lakes Members

A very special Thanks to Diane Powell and the AMT Staff for a great 72nd Educational Program at the J.W. Marriott Las Vegas in Summerlin, Nevada. A great slate of speakers and Educational Topics made this an enjoyable program.

A great and awesome facility help to enhance our experience at the Educational Meeting. We had 76 1st time attendees and the number of registered attendees was 497. Congratulations to all the Award Winners in the Great Lakes District. Keep up the good work. Stay involved and support your State Officers.

A new method to track your CE Credits has been developed for all the members of AMT. You now have control of your Continuing Education Report Card at your fingertips. The new system is called AMTAX. Check out the AM T website for more information. For the members that do not have access to a computer, you can still send in your information to the AMT Home Office.

A very special thanks for keeping AMT up to date with record keeping. A lot of the Healthcare Professional Organizations are using an online system to enter your Continuing Education.

Mark your calendars for AMT's 73rd Educational Meeting. It will be a joint meeting with CASMET, August 1-6,2011, in Miami at the InterContinental Miami. Room rates will be \$119 per night plus tax.

Continue to support your State Officers in all their endeavors. Thanks again to all the State Officers for all the hard work that you do and also all the members that go above and beyond to make your State Society great.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can help you with anything.

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Editor's Message

Where has the year gone? The holidays are upon us and it seems as though I just finished the spring Microbe a short time ago.

We have over 2200 members now in our Michigan state society as of November.

A big *Welcome* to all our new members.

Just to remind everyone and to let the new members know, after you receive your first printed copy of the Microbe if you wish to still receive a printed copy of the journal you need to contact me, either by regular mail or email at mssamt@yahoo.com so I can add your name to the "hardcopy" list. Please remember to include your member number in your letter/email. Otherwise, you will receive a postcard in the mail telling you when the Microbe is posted on our website: <http://mssamt.tripod.com>. This has proved to be a real money saver for our state society, especially now that we have so many members.

The December issue is always chocked full of so much information; National Convention delegate reports and photos, fall meeting news and photos and all the up-coming events and news. It's hard to fit everything in; I always have to juggle things around while trying not to cut too much out.

If anyone has items they wish to add to the Microbe or photos they want to add to our photo album please, don't hesitate to send them on to me. I am always glad to get member input to our journal and website.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday season and look for the next issue in the spring and there are always updates on our website thru out the year.

Suellen Schobert, MLT

MSSAMT Editor



This year our national convention was held at the beautiful Marriott Resort outside Las Vegas. We had to travel by shuttle from the airport to the hotel. At the hotel every function was well organized by the AMT staff.



The weeklong educational meetings started with the opening ceremony of the color guard, national anthem, and a prayer. Our Key Note speaker was very entertaining. After several lectures during the day, we enjoyed ourselves at the *Welcoming Party*, the food was good, the music was loud, but ok, it seemed everyone had a very good time. The state baskets were again raffled off. Kentucky won the Michigan basket. None of our Michigan members won a basket this year.

Wednesday was scheduled for the *Resolutions* and *Meet the Candidates*. Two of the three proposed resolutions were accepted. Then the membership could question the "AMT" and "AMTIE" candidates why they wanted to be elected.

On Thursday, at one of the lecture presentations I was the moderator. That evening we had our award presentation. It started out with a delicious dinner. The tables were very tastefully set and live music was wonderful. This year Michigan received six awards; 3 Distinguished Achievement, 1 Pillar, 1 second place writing and the State Honor Roll award. In addition our state "*First Time Attendee*" won a \$500.00 grant.

Friday is always filled up with the Town Hall Meeting in the morning and the AMT Business and AMTIE meeting in the afternoon. The business meeting went fast, because with 3 nominees for the board and 3 openings it was voted by acclamation. During the AMTIE meeting the National Board members elected their

officers. Our new national President is Roxanne Clifton. Most of our members finished Friday off with a dinner show in Las Vegas, titled "*The Rat Pack if Back*", we all enjoyed ourselves.



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Delegates

Everybody felt a little relaxed on Saturday; I was invited by two of our Michigan members to see the Red Rock Canyon. It was hot but a wonderful experience. I never made it directly to Las Vegas but my evening walks on the beautiful lush grounds were special.

Next year the convention will be in Miami, Florida and I am all set to go.

Respectfully, Sieglinde Wildie MLT



*Las Vegas Delegates –Linda Ruggles, Pat Dare, Webb Gray
Sieglinde Wildie, Sue Schobert, Nat Dixon, Nancy Winslow*

Reports

Imagine my excitement when this would be the first time attending the AMT National Conference and it was being held in Las Vegas.

Although I have been to Las Vegas several times before I decided to fly down a day early to do some sight seeing. I took the bus tour over to the Grand Canyon with a stop at the Hoover Dam. For those of you who have never done this put this on your list of things to do, as you really want to see this in person as pictures just does not do it justice.

The hotel the conference was at was the JW Marriott Resort. This was a nice hotel, but was about twenty miles from the Vegas Strip and did not offer any shows or clubs, although it did have gambling and a spa. If you wanted to see a show or enjoy any of the nightlife Vegas has to offer you needed to travel to the strip or Freemont Street.

There was shuttle service from the hotel but the last shuttle left the strip at 10:00pm, so if you were going to be later than that you needed to take a taxi, which was about \$50.00 one way. (*Welcome to Vegas*) One of the ladies that also went and I decided to rent a car and split the cost, which suited our needs better. We did see *Lereve* which was an excellent show and if you haven't seen it add it to your to do list also. It was well worth seeing and very enjoyable.

Now for the conference, although this is the first AMT National Conference I have attended, I have attended other conferences and found the National Conference to be one of the best. As a first time attendee I did receive the Chester Dziekonski Award and was the first one from Michigan to do so.

I found the classes to be very educational and something I can use in my job everyday at the University of Michigan.

The breakfast for first time attendee's was very good and everything that would be going on for the week was gone over and no question was left unanswered.

Meet the candidates session was a highlight as it gave everyone a chance to meet and ask questions of the candidates that would be representing us. All the candidates were good and would have done an excellent job but unfortunately only one could win.

All in all I found this conference to be very educational and received a wealth of information to be used in the future.

I would recommend everyone attend and hope to see all of you at the next AMT National Conference in Miami in 2011.

Respectfully, Nancy Winslow



State Society "Honor Roll" Winners

*"Be the change you want to see."
Mahatma Gandhi.*

This sentence led us to meeting the AMTIE nominees for the AMTIE Board. All the candidates stressed the desire to see more professionals continue with their education yearly. We professionals should never stop learning. We were encouraged to give proof of Continuing Education Units from AMTIE to our employers, to be placed in our personnel file. We must take advantage of the educational materials available in the AMT Journal, which offer many opportunities for CEU's. The meeting of these candidates and those candidates for the AMT Board of Directors was encouraging.

New resolutions were presented at the Great Lakes District Meeting. Those passed by the membership would be sent on to the AMT Board for consideration. Friday's AMT Business Meeting went extremely well. A resolution from the Virginia AMT Society to increase the rebate from National to 15% from 13% passed. Which means more money will be rebated to the state societies. All Committee reports were accepted. This exert from the report by AMT Executive Director, Christopher Damon, J.D., instills confidence for us in our AMT Society.

Quote: "The Board continues to do an excellent job of boldly embracing change and new directions while always being mindful of AMT's core values and respectful of AMT traditions." **Unquote.**

The Keynote Address by Brad Nieder, MD, outlined the benefits of laughter to our health. He offered wellness advice and yes, he really left us laughing. Laughter reduces



stress, helps us manage pain, and gives us the added benefit of boosting the immune system.

We were exposed to the "**REAL CSI**" by Dr. Gary Telgenhoff. He has a varied background in Forensic pathology. Dr. T (as he is commonly known), also inserted humor into his presentation, and yes even presented pictures of some of his most unusual gruesome cases. He has worked with the T.V. staff and crew of "CSI-Las Vegas".

Gordon Ens spoke about inflammation; he has 46 years experience in his field of coagulation and has become involved with Astroworks testing and Inflammatory Markers. He explained about the complicated task Doctors have in determining, sometimes, Inflammations, their cause, seriousness, and treatments. This new testing is aimed at aiding them in their work. Dr. Ens listed an Anti Inflammation Diet and its benefits, which is similar to the Mediterranean Diet.

Two social events, the *Welcome Reception* on Tuesday evening was tasty and musical, and the *Awards Banquet* on Thursday evening introduced us to many 50-year AMT members and the line-up of award recipients was impressive.

Joel E. Mortensen, PhD, gave us "*The Four Agreements and You*", a code of conduct that can transform our lives. He gave us something to think about as we interact with each other and the world around us. This code came from the Toltec people of the Yucatan area. They were scientists and artists. A small sample of the presentation follows. We create an Image of Perfection - a show or dream world. Our dream worlds are how we feel things ought to be. We are taught the rules of our world by others but we accept them. These rules make up our agreement - our dream world and the real world. We need to: be at peace with our world, don't take anything personally, don't make assumptions, always do our best, speak with integrity. Avoid gossip, which hurts people, costs us friends and relations and respect, it helps keep us in an agreement we really don't want. We should be impeccable with our words. They will make us feel good and peaceful with ourselves. Speaking the truth always; to encourage yourself and others. We can put prose in our words.

Besides all the new technical ideas and knowledge I learned from this wonderful Scientific Conference, I learned: be honest when you speak to others, say only what you mean, don't put yourself down - you may begin to believe it. Our ability to

use words sets us apart as humans, with them we can create or destroy.

I end my report with Dr. Mortensen's words. "Be comfortable and confident with who you are and what you have done in a day. Leave work and be happy with what you did and leave it there. You can then feel good and peaceful with yourself."

So...if you couldn't make this 2010 AMI Educational Conference, you have got to treat yourself to 2011's Conference in Miami, Florida, Be kind to yourself and treat yourself to a most amazing week!

Respectfully; Nathalie Dixon



Nat at entrance to Lake Mead National Park

Greetings, this report is on the annual AMT meeting held recently in Las Vegas.

The saying goes that "What happens in Las Vegas stays in Las Vegas"; on the other hand I say that some of the events that happened

during the 72nd Educational Program are not staying in Vegas.

Focusing first on the “Meet the Candidates and Resolutions ” session, it should be noted that all three of the incumbents were returning to the board and there were only three resolutions presented. The newly elected AMTIE board member was Mary Hinkel.

Moving on the Opening Ceremony, Keynote speaker address and the entire affair lived up to past performances. All the scientific sessions I attended were incredible.

On July 13th I attended the state and federal Legislative committee meeting and later that night was the Welcoming Party. This event was sensational from the food to the entertainment.

Speaking of sensational events the Awards Banquet and Convocation fits very well into this picture. It was pleasing to see the number of “strip” at night in downtown Vegas. What an eye-opening experience that was. It was hot and there were people everywhere. The crowds were so great and the traffic so abundant that cars and buses had many close encounters with pedestrians. The other eye-opening experience was visiting the Wax Museum. I can only highlight the features of this place because a complete description would take too much space. In short the place had taken famous people from the sports, music, entertainment worlds and mad max figures of them telling why they are [were] famous. Even a few presidents of the U.S. were featured including president Obama.

Finally, in concluding my report I will mention the annual Business Meeting, the Town Hall session, the Annual Reports and Legislative Report plus the AMTIE Business Meeting.

What I got out of these meetings was that the organization is sound financially, that AMT has experienced so much growth in several disciplines that AMT has proposed amendments to the national bylaws and the entire procedure was well organized and well presented.

Respectfully; Webb Gray MT



What can I say; as usual the annual AMT meeting in Las Vegas was a terrific event. MSSAMT had seven delegates to this year's convention Linda Ruggles, Nat Dixon and I traveled together and we went out early so we could have some time to site-see.

On Monday we went to Hoover Dam, I can honestly admit I wasn't sure if I wanted to go but I was glad that we did. Besides it being very hot, it was a wonderful experience. What a feat of man's ingenuity, and the new by-pass bridge is another feat of wonderment.

We choose to stay at the “Orleans” in Las Vegas, which is an awesome place. You could stay there and have every thing you need at your fingertips.



The speakers on Tuesday were fantastic! Dr. Brad Nieder was very enjoyable and Dr. Gary Telgenhoff or “Dr. T” as he is known, was a wonderful speaker letting us know what the real CSI seen since life if like. The Welcome Party was again a very fun event. Time to see people we attend it is a very enjoyable time that is full of wonderful lectures but most have not our last convention and time to have loads of fun with dancing to the DJ’s mix and enjoying the wonderful food.

Wednesday was full of great lectures and the Meet the Candidates session. The night was free time so Linda and I hit the strip for sight seeing and shopping.

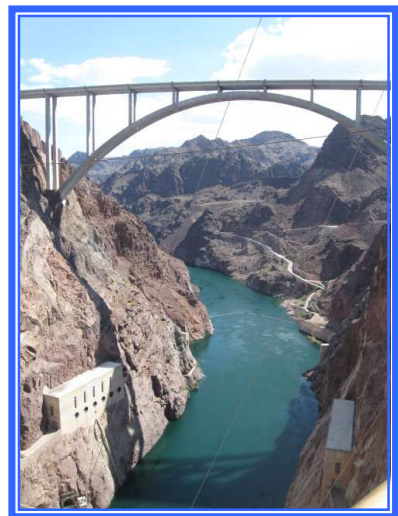
Every time I go to Vegas there is more to see and do. It is a never-ending place of change.

Thursday’s main event was the Awards Banquet, again a wonderful time and this year it was especially nice because of the Michigan members receiving recognition.

Friday starts out with our Great Lakes District Meeting followed by the Town Hall Meeting and then the Business Meeting in the afternoon followed by the AMTIE meeting. All in all it’s a very full week.

We had some time to kill before our flight home so we checked out the M&M store and hit the slots one more time. My first AMT convention was in Las Vegas 11 years ago and each time I of all great times with great people. I look forward to next year’s time in Miami.

Respectfully
Suellen Schobert



F A L L M E E T I N G



October 14,15 and 16, MSSAMT held it's annual meeting in Frankenmuth at the beautiful Bavarian Inn Restaurant. Again this year we had a terrific turnout, with over 200 students attending on Thursday and Friday.

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Scarecrows on display at the "River Place" shops in Frankenmuth for the annual scarecrow contest.

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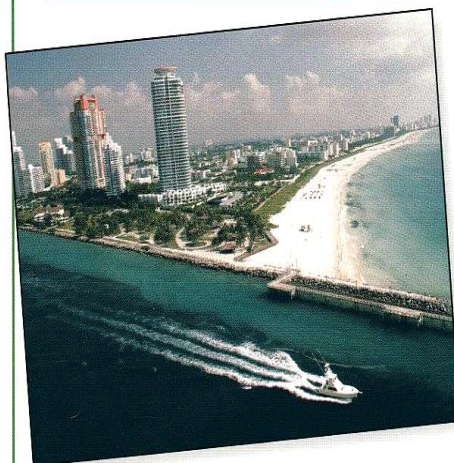
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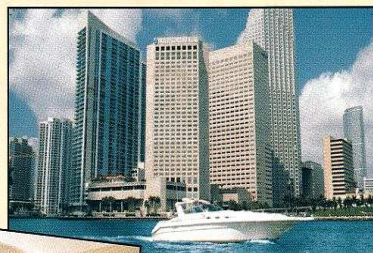
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