

# Letter from the Editor

## **No One Ever Reads a Letter from the Editor but...**

Past surveys conducted by the *JNMT* show that "Letter from the Editor" is usually the least read page in this publication. Nevertheless, I would like all *JNMT* readers to take a few minutes to read the last letter from this editor.

My fondest memories of my past 3½ years as editor are of the technologists, physicians, scientists, and National Office staff I have worked with to establish some degree of publication excellence. Without their help, the very existence of the *Journal* would be in question. Their total cooperation and willingness have not only made the *JNMT* what it is today, but have also advanced the professionalism of the Technologist Section as a whole.

Editing the *Journal* has been an educational experience. It has afforded me the opportunity to develop many friendships that I will always cherish.

To list the names of all the individuals who have contributed significantly to the production of the *JNMT* during the past 3½ years would require additional pages in this issue (which the Publications Committee would never approve anyway—ha! ha!—get the hint, Kellner?). Therefore, I leave this appointed office with just a sincere *thank you* to the entire Society membership and National Office staff. But I would like to offer special thanks to the following individuals: Nathan Arenson, MD; Aubrey Hornsby, MD; Joe Johns, MD; Jack Goodrich, MD; and Craig Harris.

In addition, I would like to thank Ralph G. Robinson, MD, my boss, for his continued interest in and support for the Technologist Section and also for his patience and understanding for those many hours when the *Journal* and other Society matters took me away from my daily responsibilities. I would like to thank my children, Chipper and Ashley, too, for their forbearance.

My only closing request is to ask the membership for their continued support for the *Journal* and Section. I encourage all of you to jump in and get involved. Don't be afraid, as I was, when I took over the editorship in 1974. At that time, my two close friends Vince Cherico, then Section president, and Glenn Isserstedt, the first *JNMT* editor, asked me to become editor. After hearing their assurances, I hesitantly said yes. Once I agreed to take on the job, Glenn sent to Iowa City for the *JNMT* files. When the files arrived, I realized that I needed assistance from my close friends. I called Vince and Glenn for help only to find that they had gone on a fishing trip with 12 cases of beer and a barrel of Mexican refried beans!

So, Technologist members, be strong, lend support, and get involved. Give your elected officers the help they need to maintain the quality and professionalism of both the Section and the *JNMT*.

Once again, I thank you. I also wish to extend a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you and your families.

Sincerely,

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