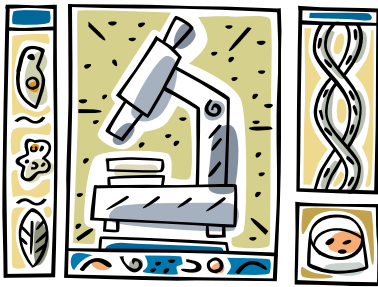


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### A Message from the President

Christie Thompson, Ed.D., TACLS President



What does it mean to be a laboratory professional? What are your responsibilities and duties? The Code of Ethics for the American Association for Clinical Laboratory Science lists three duties – duty to the patient, duty to colleagues and the profession, and duty to society. Under duty to the patient the code states “clinical laboratory professionals are accountable for the quality and integrity of the laboratory services they provide. This obligation includes maintaining individual competence in judgement and performance and striving to safeguard the patient from incompetent or illegal practice by others.”

To maintain competence in the dynamic changing medical laboratory, professionals are obligated to attend and participate in continuing education. Several continuing education opportunities are available this spring including the board meeting February 5<sup>th</sup> in San Antonio, a traveling seminar in Nacogdoches February 12<sup>th</sup> and the annual meeting in Corpus Christi, March 30 – April 2. Attendance at these or other continuing education programs is not enough.

A laboratory professional is obliged to “safeguard the patient from incompetent practice by others”. That means as laboratory professionals, we must also encourage our co-workers to maintain competence and participate in continuing education. Tell them about the opportunities offered by TACLS and ASCLS. Ask them to join our organization and share their expertise. Pass on the information about the board meeting, the traveling seminar, the annual meeting and the other benefits of membership. See you in San Antonio on February 5<sup>th</sup>..



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## Corpus Christi 2005

Theresa L. Johansen is a 14 year old freshman at Eagle Harbor High School on Bainbridge Island, Washington. She created this linoleum block print in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Her other artistic abilities include beading, painting, and writing. She is currently a Girl Scout and Venture Scout. She enjoys reading fantasy, science and nonfiction.



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## **Renee Gustafson Recognized for 50 Years of Service to ASCLS**

Debbie Faubion, MA, CLS (NCA)  
Region VII Director

Arene "Renee" Gustafson received an ASCLS Membership Award for 50 years of continuous membership in our organization. The award was given at ASCLS in Los Angeles in

including Chemistry Supervisor, Continuing Education Coordinator and was an Adjunct Faculty member of the UTMB School of Allied Health. Other highlights included traveling aboard to represent ASMT at 3 International meetings of the International Association for Medical Laboratory Technology (IAMLT). And more specifically was the first to represent the U.S. at the 1961 meeting in Stockholm.

Since retiring in 1988 Renee still lives in Galveston and is an active member of the Zion

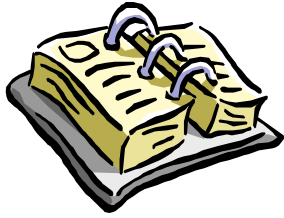


July and District VIII recently took Renee to dinner to honor her and personally recognize her. Renee has been a dedicated Clinical Laboratory Professional and an inspiration to all of us.

Renee graduated from UTMB in Galveston in October, 1953. She joined the UTMB Clinical Laboratory as a Chemistry Tech and stayed there until retirement, 35 years later. Over the years Renee held many positions

Lutheran Church. She also enjoys attending performances at The Grand Opera and the Galveston Summer Musicals. District VIII has been blessed with her many years of dedication and work.

**Mark your calendar now**



TACLS Winter Board Meeting and CE Program  
Saturday, February 5, 10:00 AM  
UTHSC-SA, School of Allied Health, , San Antonio

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