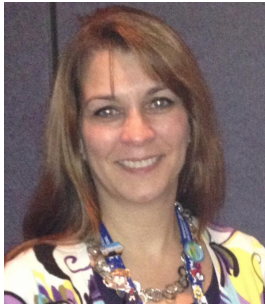




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## Fall 2016 Newsletter



Hello,

I hope your summer has been fun filled, relaxed and prosperous.

As the seasons changed and the leaves turn color, we headed into a very exciting and busy season with the American Massage Therapy Association-Rhode Island chapter.

I was joined by past President/Government Relations Chair Joanne Lozy and Deb Kilty, Secretary/Convention Chair at public meeting of the RI State Massage Therapy board. It was gratifying to see all of the efforts put forth by so many come to fruition.

We are looking forward to their work. Joanne will share some information in an article later in the newsletter.

We were very fortunate to have Kate Peck, come to RI to instruct our burn Survivor training in preparation for the Phoenix Society World Burn Congress. It was last here 4 years ago. This event is a one of a kind experience and the specialized training is very helpful. Thank you to our RI Crisis Massage Team and Massachusetts for representing us at the Congress.

In celebration of National Massage Therapy awareness week, the 1st annual Rhode Island Convention was held and sponsored by the American Massage Therapy Association-Rhode Island Chapter!

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#### **Debbie Kilty**

Immediately following our convention was the National AMTA CVOP (Chapter Volunteer Orientation Program) and Convention. It was held October 26-30th 2016. This year our RI representation includes Ellie Field, Kim Medeiros, Jennifer Wilkicki, Debbie Kilty, Regina Cobb and myself.

Our very own Regina Cobb received the National Teacher of the year award!!! This is a monumental occasion. We could not be more proud that our RI friend, colleague, teacher and nominee was selected. **CONGRATULATIONS REGINA!!!**

Please continue reading our newsletter for all of the up to the minute information that is offered to you, our member.

Enjoy the remainder of fall.

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## Welcome New Members!

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Alexa Rae Glover  
Claudina Gomes  
Jazmin Leon  
Carina Batista Mendez  
Juana Rodriguez  
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Kathryn LaPre St. Pierre  
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## NYC Bus Trip

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Kimberley Cook**

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local and National AMTA news.

Can't find what your looking for? Click the  
"News" tab at the top of the screen. This is  
where you can access the archives or  
search for exactly what you need.

Need more help?  
Any AMTA-RI Chapter volunteer will be  
happy to assist you.

Our contact information is all listed on the  
[website](#) too!

## VIDEO Claudia Botthof

FREE educational video night

December 7th  
"Traditional Massage of Thailand"  
by Klaus Ryerson"

All LMT's are welcome to join.  
7:30 pm

Unique Fitness & Massage Therapy  
263 Quaker Lane  
West Warwick, RI 02893

Claudia Botthof  
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## Upcoming Meeting Dates

All AMTA-RI Chapter Board Meetings are  
open to the public.

The following is a list of dates and times of  
upcoming board meetings:

**January 3, 2017**  
**February 7, 2017**

**Total R.I. Members:**  
**477!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

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## Annual Meeting March 19, 2017

Times and dates are subject to change.  
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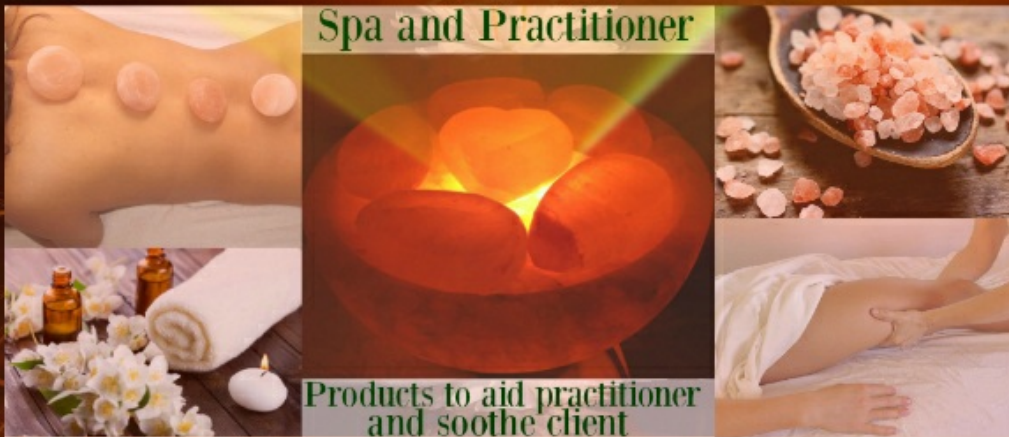
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## Government Relations

Joanne Lozy, LMT

There has been a lot of activity for the Government Relation team this year. Massage therapists came together to defeat the original Bill H7007 proposed by House Representatives. If passed it would have negatively impacted massage therapy businesses through its changes to Title 23-20.8 the Massage Therapy Practice Act. A big thank you to all who responded. We are a "hands on" force to be reckoned with!

However, to help the State and Rhode Island cities and towns protect the public and give them the strength they need to create enforceable ordinances a definition of "bodywork" and a defined empowerment for local cities and towns needed to be added to Title Act 23-20.8. State Representatives came up with wording that was favorable to licensed massage therapists and businesses for House Bill 7007 and it passed the House and Senate in June. The Bill was signed by the Governor in July.

Your Government Relations Team is currently working on a proactive grassroots effort that will reach out to the local city and town councils. **We are looking to you to help in reaching out to your local city council members.** We are currently working with AMTA National Government Relations to develop a letter you as a therapist can send to your council members expressing your desire to have local ordinances that will protect existing and future massage therapy business in your town. The letter will refer council members to the AMTA RI Government Relations team. We are offering our assistance. Please watch for notification through e-blast and social media. The letter will be sent through the American Massage Therapy Association "ENGAGE" program. This is the same program that we used to speak out against the original H7007 back in March. When the letter comes out you may adjust the wording if you wish. You may also forward it to massage therapist that are not AMTA members for more involvement.

The bigger presence we have the better our chances to have our thoughts heard. Perhaps we can rid an old terminology we all dislike "massage parlor". This is my personal goal.

On August 24th, President Michael Colizza and representatives from the AMTA RI Government Relations team presented our grassroots plan to the RI Massage Therapy Board. The Board listened to what we are intending to do. They educated us on their roll as State Representatives we found it all very interesting.

The Massage Therapy Board had a booth at the Rhode Island Massage Therapy Convention and was able to answer questions about their official capacity.

Keep your eyes open for the e-blast notifications and the letter through ENGAGE. It should be out in another month. Until then, just breath. Contact me if you need help.



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