



# CTSGNA

Spring/Summer 2014

## Special points of Interest:

- Presidential Letter
- Governor Malloy Proclamation
- Excellence in Professionalism Award
- SGNA Annual Course Nationals

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## Presidential Letter

It is my honor and privilege to serve as your CTSGNA President for 2014 to 2015. We have started the year off and running and have not stopped yet. The first week of January brought the CTSGNA Board together via a conference call to revise our CTSGNA Bylaws which is an ongoing process. Also in January CTSGNA hosted the National GI Certification Review Course at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center. The course was well attended with forty four attendees. The instructors were Lisa Heard Past SGNA President from the New England Region and our own Michelle Day and Christine Sarisley from CTSGNA. The contact hours received for this program were 11.25. The April's meeting was a half day program on Staying Current with Best Practices in Flexible

Endoscopy sponsored by Steris with 5 contact hours provided.

Next was SGNA National course in Nashville. The course was both educational and informative. I served as Speaker of The House of Delegates and Michelle Day ran the Leadership Course as Regional Society Director.

June's meeting will be at Hartford Hospital. Michelle Day will be speaking on Infection Prevention.

Have a safe and well rested summer. Please plan on attending the Beyond the Scope on October 25 2014.

See you in the fall!

Kathy Vinci RNC, CGRN  
CTSGNA President



*Proclamation from Connecticut's Governor Malloy*

*GI Nurses and Associates Week in CT*

*UConn celebrates GI Nurses and Associates Week*



# Nationals in Nashville

The national course in Nashville was very educational and informative.



*Michelle Day ran the Leadership session on Friday morning*

This session was followed by Kathy Vinci running the House of Delegates Workshop, and then the House of Delegates as Speaker of the House. All sessions were well received. So CTSGNA covered Friday's programs very well.

There were three resolutions, two of which passed. The resolutions which passed were:

**Resolution 1 Resolved the SGNA develop a position on the National Board for a GI Associate Representative with voting rights.** This position encourages more participation by Associates and increased membership within SGNA. The Associates in these leadership roles would also be responsible for promoting SGNA'S GTS and AGTS programs.

**Resolution 2 Resolved that SGNA designate a day to recognize to promote Esophageal Cancer Awareness.**



UConn Medical Center received the Excellence in Professionalism Award from ABCGN for the fourth year in a row. Only ten facilities in the country received this from ABCGN.



Chris Sarisley taught GI Nursing Review Course on Saturday and Sunday

*Michelle Day and Barbara Comstock also presented at the optional sessions. Michelle presented for Train the Trainer, and Reprocessing Competency Skills Checklist.*



*Barbara presented The Ins and Outs of Colon Preps*

*Some of the hot topics at Nationals were Infection Prevention, Legislative issues, 80% by 2018 Colorectal Cancer Screening and Esophageal Cancer Awareness- with a poster presentation on this. The 80% by 2018 is a campaign promoted by the National Colon Cancer Roundtable to have 80% of the population screened for colon cancer by 2018. These two legislative issues will be supported and promoted by SGNA.*

*Kathy Vinci receiving certificate for serving on the National SGNA Board*



*Kathy Vinci alongside all the Regional Presidents*

## **CTSGNA Dates and Deadlines**

- *GI Nurse of the Year application due **October 1<sup>st</sup>***
- *Beyond the Scope Scholarship application due **October 1<sup>st</sup>**.  
Three scholarships will be awarded.*

## **CTSGNA Meetings**

**September 18, 2014** *Mid-state East Campus*

*“Fecal Microbiota Transplantation” (TMT) in Treatment of Recurrent C-Diff Colitis” Speaker Kevin JO*

**October 24, 2014**

*ERCP at Hartford Sheraton South, Rocky Hill*

**October 25, 2014**

*Beyond the Scope 2014 at Hartford Sheraton South, Rocky Hill*

**November 13, 2014**

*CTSGNA Dinner meeting Location TBA*

## ***An Introduction, An Apology, An Invitation, And Some Humor***

Hello there! I trust everyone is enjoying the summer. I have had quite an interesting summer. But first, let me introduce myself. My name is Barbara Comstock. Many of you may know me as “the hydroqueen”. Or you may know me as the CTSGNA secretary. Or perhaps as the one who hangs around with Barb Sonne from Danbury. I am also a mom, and a Grammy. And recently I became a student. And now I am the editor of this newsletter!

I do want to apologize for the lateness of this newsletter. As I said, it was quite an interesting summer for me. Unfortunately, the latest was a virus on my computer preventing me from (finally!) finishing this newsletter. I promise they will be more timely from here on out! I also promise to become more efficient in the layout as well.

As the new editor I want to invite you to contribute, whether it be new information, sharing of an idea, or even a story about your unit! You can contact me at [Redeemedrn@yahoo.com](mailto:Redeemedrn@yahoo.com).

Finally, just a humorous story to share. As I was hooking up the patient prior to her colonoscopy, the MD began the Time-Out. Though I was only there to assist in attaching the monitors and oxygen and connecting the IV I was still in the room for this. So at the point of introductions I was last to introduce myself. I said “I’m Barb, and I’m just hooking you up.” To that the patient asked with a grin, “Oh, so you’re the hooker ?” Even right before her colonoscopy she had a sense of humor. Score one for the patient!

Thank you for reading, and please let me know if there is anything I can do to help improve this newsletter. Thank you!!



**CT SGNA NOMINATION FORM FOR  
THE CTSGNA GI NURSE OF THE YEAR**

CT SGNA wants to make it easier for you to nominate an outstanding nurse you feel deserves the CTSGNA GI Nurse of the Year award. Please take a brief moment to acknowledge individual excellence, professional and dedication to GI Nursing by filling in the form below. Do not hesitate to nominate a candidate. It is not necessary to have all yes answers to be eligible for this award. This Award will be presented at CTSGNA Beyond The Scope Seminar October 25, 2014

**Deadline for 2014 nominations is October 1, 2014**

NAME OF NOMINEE	
PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	
ADDRESS OF EMPLOYMENT	
WORK PHONE NUMBER	
HOME ADDRESS	
HOME PHONE NUMBER	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
NAME OF NOMINATOR	
HOME ADDRESS	
HOME PHONE NUMBER	
WORK PHONE NUMBER	
EMAIL ADDRESS	

Years of SGNA membership	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 - 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 - 10	<input type="checkbox"/> Over 10
	Yes		No
Regular attendance at Regional meetings			
Attendance at Beyond the Scope			
Active participation in a Regional SGNA committee			
Active participation in a National SGNA committee			
Board Certification in Gastroenterology			
Acts as a Preceptor for new employees			
Active participation in a GI related support group			
Participated in community health care activity			
Hosted a state meeting with CEU's			
Published an article in a Nursing Journal			
Is an active member of a hospital based committee			
Lectured on a GI related topic			

## CTSGNA September

### Fecal Microbiota Transplantation (FMT) in Treatment of Recurrent C Diff Infection

Thursday, September 18, 2014

6pm Registration  
6:30pm CTSGNA Meeting  
7pm Speaker

Speaker: Dr. Kevin Jo  
One contact hour pending  
Dessert and beverage will be served

MIDSTATE MEDICAL CENTER  
Family Medical Group Conference Room  
61 Pomeroy Ave.  
Meriden, CT 06450

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