



Connecticut SGNA Newsletter

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President's Letter

Greetings, CTSGNA members!!

I hope this letter finds you all well and gearing up for a nice, New England summer.

As you all know, each May brings the opportunity for some of us to enjoy some very productive and energizing time to network with many of our colleagues at our National convention and this most recent convention was no exception. This year's conference was held in the beautiful location of Baltimore, Maryland right on the inner harbor.

Personally speaking one of the most valuable and gratifying experiences for me during the conference, which I would like to share with all of you was being able to define what the conference message, "Charting A Course" means to me. This can mean charting a particular new path in life, opening your eyes and mind to areas for new professional growth or always learning more about the impact we as GI nurses can have on our patients. The conference is always so much about spending time with mentors and seeing

how we all have the chance to mentor others and in so doing, we can not only chart our own course, but help to shape that of others.

The conference was also particularly special because our very own Carol Stevens concluded her tenure as National President. Many congratulations are in order for Carol as she did an amazing job in her capacity. We are all incredibly proud for how she has put our chapter on the national map! This time in Baltimore was even more special for Carol because her husband, Pete was able to join Carol from Iraq along with her two sons, Chris and Brian. Carol, your dedication and contributions have been inspiring to us all and we would all like to wish you and your family good health and all the best in everything you all do in the future.

CTSGNA would like to thank all of the members who attended Carol's reception party to let her know how much we appreciate everything she's done and give her our best as she moves toward a new chapter in her professional life. I would personally

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like to also thank Michael Arnold, US Endoscopy and Jeff Clay from Boston Scientific for their support during the conference.

Another note of deep appreciation goes to Kathy Vinci for all of her work and receiving the Regional re-chartering certificate for CTSGNA during the conference.

Turning back to our state-wide activities, I want to encourage all of you and your co-workers to attend the monthly meetings and most especially to plan to attend Beyond the Scope 2007 this Oc-

tober. (Please see our website for details.) But most of all, I want to thank everyone for supporting the mission of our organization, providing continuing education GI professionals and educating the public about the importance of our field.

Again, wishing you all a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming dinner meeting on June 14 at 6 pm at Angelico's Restaurant in New Britain!

Angel Morales, RN, CGRN



Lauren Mott & Kathy Vinci



Michelle Day & Carol Stevens



Christine Sarisley, Carol Stevens, Barbara Sullivan, Kathryn Miller, Kathy Vinci, and Gail Steele



Carol Stevens and Kathryn Miller



Kathy Vinci and Angel Morales

Helpful Hints from your Friends at IMS

Lynne Thomas, BSN, RN, CGRN

Federal and Environmental Guidelines govern the transport of medical materials. According to the Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates, Inc. (SGNA), contaminated endoscopes should be transported to the reprocessing area in an enclosed container¹. Additionally, government agencies such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) hold you responsible for transporting waste and contaminated materials in a sealed impervious container in order to protect the environment².

1) <http://www.sgna.org/Resources/guidelines/guideline3.cfm>
 2) <http://wonder.cdc.gov/wonder/prevguid/p0000412/p0000412.asp#head004>

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Angel Morales and Kathryn Miller



June 8
Call for abstracts
for the 35th
Annual Course.



June 14
Dinner Meeting
Angelico's Resurant - New Britain
6pm - Dr. S Banerjee
Topic: Colon polyps and Colon Cancer

Letter From the Editor

After returning from the 34th Annual SGNA Educational Course it was very satisfying to see CTSGNA involvement. We had 28 members attend this year's course. This course was outstanding. It is always good to return with new ideas to bring back to our units. You as an organization should be proud of Connecticut for its involvement at the national level. I would like to recognize the following for their voluntary involvement

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| Carol Stevens | Immediate Past President |
| Kathryn Miller | Board of Directors ABCGN |
| Gail Steele | Board of Directors ABCGN |
| Barbara Sullivan | Program Chair 35 th Annual Course |
| Michelle Day | Practice Committee |
| Christine Sarisley | Editorial Board GNJ |

Now is the time to be thinking about next year's course. It will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah. Remember there are scholarships available both locally and nationally. If you don't apply you don't have a chance to win one. Watch for the deadlines come January. I hope to see a lot of you at the June dinner meeting. Have a wonderful and safe summer.

Gail Steele, LPN, CGN

June 15

Scholarship applications due for the October Certification exam.

This is also includes those needing to recertify.



ABCGN NEWS

Yes, you read the letters right. **CBGNA** has a new name and logo. Due to no longer certifying technicians we had to address the organizations name. We are now known as the **American Board of Certification for Gastroenterology Nurses**

Our purpose is the same only our name has changed. We are still there to put forth a valid exam for certification.

EVENT & DEADLINE REMINDERS

- June 4 Deadline to register for the June 14th Meeting
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- July 15 SGNA Research grant proposal
- July 30 Special test site request for October 2008
Certification exam
- July 31 SGNA RN general education scholarship
SGNA advancing RN education scholarship
SGNA Nomination and Election forms are due
- August 15 Certification Applications are due.
- August 22 Late date for certification exam registration
- October 12 Hands on ERCP Course
- October 13 Beyond the Scope 2007 at Foxwoods
- October 21 Certification Exam
- December 31 Deadline for recertification for 2007



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