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Presidential Letter

As we step into summer, 2013, CTSGNA marches on with continued commitment to the core mission of education. We have planned for State Meetings for the upcoming year which are being hosted throughout the region. Thank you in advance to those hospitals and free standing units who are sponsoring continuing education to CTSGNA members. The roll out for the educational offerings is posted in this newsletter.

This year's Beyond the Scope Program will be held the week-end of October 18 and 19 in Rocky Hill, at the Sheraton. We welcome Chair-person, Carolyn Checovetes- DiVenere, as she has already begun to lay down the foundation for the 21st Regional Program. We are fortunate to have her lead us into the planning of this major event, and would like to ask anyone who might be interested in joining this committee to contact her

at: danandcarolyn@comcast.net

The 5th Edition of the Core Curriculum is now available. Contact National SGNA for further information.

Connecticut is under review for bringing in the GI Nursing Review Course into Hartford. This would be a 12 hour live GI Specific Course for anyone interested in obtaining the contact hours, or desiring a jump start on preparing for the Certification Exam. We have 2 local National Speakers, Michelle Day and I. I am fortunate in being able to go forward with the next review course to be held in Baltimore, Maryland, at Johns Hopkins University Hospital on September 14 and 15.

For anyone interested, please remember that a quarterly scholarship, up to \$250, is available throughout the year. Applications are on this web site.



Chris Sarisley CTSGNA President at Re-chartering Ceremony Austin Texas

Respectfully,

Christine Sarisley, MS APRN,
CGRN
President CTSGNA

New web site ctsgna.org

We are now running our own web site.

Ctsgna.org

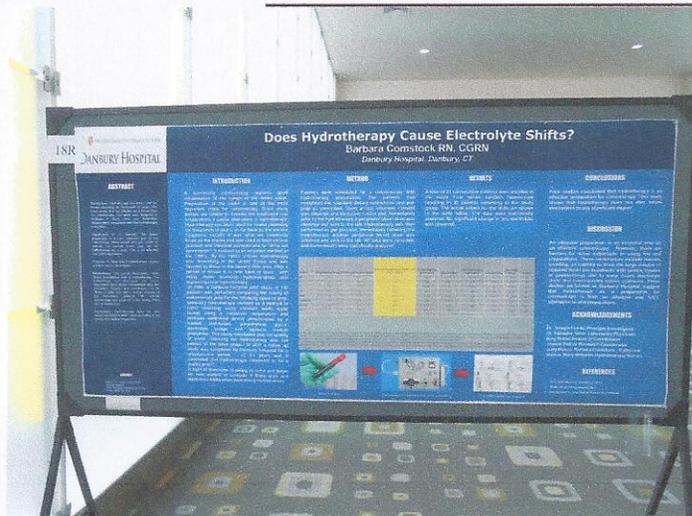
We have a busy fall planned. Please look over our web site and check our events calendar for dates.



Michelle Day MSN, BSN, RN, CGRN Gabriele Schindler Award

The Gabriele Schindler Award is for Clinical Excellence and is given out at the National SGNA course. Michelle also taught Train the Trainer.

Michelle Day accepting the Gabriele Schindler Award.



Barbara Comstock RN, CGRN

Barbara Comstock from Danbury Hospital had a poster presentation on hydrotherapy



Excellence in Professionalism Award from ABCGN

There were only twenty centers in the country which received the Excellence in Professionalism Award from ABCGN. Two of the centers were from CT. UConn Medical Center in Farmington, Ct. and ST. Vincent's in Bridgeport, Ct. To receive the award fifty percent of RN staff must be certified.

Excellence in Professionalism Award from ABCGN



ABCGN Awards Banquet
Austin, Texas

Kathryn Miller RN, CGRN Immediate Past President ABCGN



Kathryn Miller was presented with a clock for all her years of service with ABCGN



Michelle Day Regional Committee's Director National SGNA on left
Kathy Vinci Speaker of the House National SGNA on right

Elections for 2014-2015

Elections will be held at our November Dinner meeting.

Nominations and Bio's are being accepted for:

President- Elect

Secretary

Treasurer

Board of Director's (Three)

Contact Kathy Vinci with nominations at Kvinci@comcast.net

2014 State Meetings
February Bristol Hospital
March Middlesex Hospital
April open
June Dinner Meeting
September open
October BTS Meeting
November Dinner Meeting

Email Kathy Vinci
If interested in
hosting a state
meeting

Fall Deadlines for CTSGNA

September 25 2013 Deadline for Nominations for CT GI Nurse of the Year

October 1st deadline for nominations for the November Elections

October 1st deadline for BTS Scholarships

We will be awarding one to three scholarships for BTS

Email Kathy Vinci with nominations for elections, CT GI Nurse of the Year and scholarships.

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Educational offering
Hudson Valley SGNA
9/5/2013
In-service Dinner Meeting Spyglass Lecture
One contact hour
Cost \$10 SGNA members
Location J. Dominick's Trattoria
Poughkeepsie, NY
RSVP by September 2 2013
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