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President's Letter

Brenda Walsh, BSN, RN, CGRN

Hello New England!

This past May many of us attended the 40th annual SGNA conference in Austin, Texas. It was wonderful getting to know more of our New England members. I also had the pleasure to meet with and network with GI nurses and their associates from across the USA and around the world.

The courses provided were exceptional. SGNA's President Phyllis Malpa's theme for the conference was "Aim Higher." "Igniting our Potential to create a bright tomorrow." What Phyllis wanted everyone to remember from this conference is that "success is in the successors." "The successors, the newly arrived, the engaged and determined, those eager to learn, the youth, the mentored, and the protégés, are the only real key to the future of the SGNA organization." "And for those of us who are highly skilled, seasoned, veterans and vastly experienced our goal 10 years from now, for the 50th anniversary of the SGNA annual course, is the mandate to teach, to mentor, to support." "We will seek out those energetic successors to ensure they not only will achieve what we achieved, but that they far surpass us."

You too can be a leader, a successor. All it takes is that first small step; volunteer to run for a position on the NESGNA board. All our wonderful board members will mentor you and guide you through the process.

At our September 21st NESGNA educational meeting at the Boston Marriott, in Newton, MA, we will be looking for nominations for elections to the NESGNA board. Nominations are open until early October, and the elections will take place in November. **Please take this opportunity to run for a position on the NESGNA board.**

CCFA Take Steps Walk 2013

The members of the NESGNA Superstars who participated in the 2012 and 2013 Take Steps Walk have proved themselves to be a hardy bunch – walking in monsoon-like rains in 2012 and searing heat in 2013. No matter the weather, the Crohns and Colitis Foundation Take Steps Walk is an inspiring and thoroughly enjoyable event. The music, fun and camaraderie are enhanced by the presence of patients, caregivers and teams walking to support research and each other to defeat Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis. Hearing the stories of those who live with these diseases and those who fight for them every day is a never to be forgotten experience.

The staff of the CCFA work tirelessly behind the scenes, setting up the websites, sending out press releases, cheering on the families and fundraisers, providing education, and supporting all the teams and individuals participating.

This year the NESGNA Superstars raised over \$1500 for CCFA by holding a tremendously successful basket raffle at the March NESGNA meeting and by donations raised by the walkers. It's never too early to think of basket ideas for next year!

Always the first Saturday of June, the walk will fall on June 7th of 2014. Mark your calendar early and plan to take chances on the raffles, obtain pledges from family, friends and coworkers and, most importantly, walk with the NESGNA Superstars next summer. Once again it will be a day to remember!



UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS

2013 NESGNA Seminar Schedule

September 21, 2013 Boston Marriott-Newton, Ma
November 16, 2013 Lahey Clinic-Burlington, Ma



**You are Invited to
run for position of
Director on the
2014 NESGNA
BOARD**

**Nominations open
in September**

*Descriptions of
duties are posted
on the web-site.*

www.nesgna.org



Gregory Endoscopy Centre at Brigham and Women's Faulkner Hospital



In the mid 1960's, endoscopy was introduced as the newest tool to aid the diagnosis of illnesses of the GI tract. The Faulkner Hospital positioned itself on the cutting edge and established its endoscopy service under the capable leadership of Norman Grace, MD and Marie Peters, RN. By 1978, the single-room "suite" was delivering endoscopy services to 500 patients per year, serving as admission, procedure, recovery and cleaning rooms.

By 1994, the endoscopy service was caring for 3000 patients yearly, having expanded to three procedure rooms. A generous gift from benefactor Madeline Gregory enabled renovation and expansion, with 2 additional procedure rooms, a new cleaning room, an 8-bay recovery room and a new name – Gregory Endoscopy Centre at Faulkner Hospital, now Brigham and Women's Faulkner. Gregory Endoscopy Centre's expert staff of 7 physicians, 14 RNs and 3 endoscopy technicians is now providing diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopy services for nearly 7500 patients a year. The talented RNs and technician staff has more than 450 years of combined experience, insuring the center's patients are receiving exceptionally skilled and compassionate care. The accomplished physician staff is sensitive and perceptive, interacting with patients and family members to discern the nature of the patient's distress. The physicians also act as instructors and mentors to the Brigham gastroenterology fellows and Harvard Medical School students. As the Gregory Endoscopy Centre continues to grow, the staff remains committed to providing superior care in accordance with the Patient and Family Centered Care model and philosophy of Brigham and Women's Faulkner Hospital.



Important Dates and Deadlines

JULY 2013

✓	DATE	EVENT
■	Beginning this Month	18-Month Membership Opens Encourage your colleagues to stay current in the GI/endoscopy field by joining SGNA today! Starting July 1, SGNA will offer the 18-month dues option, which covers membership for the remainder of 2013 and all of 2014.
■	Now Available	Enroll in the Infection Prevention Champions Program SGNA is proud to introduce the Infection Prevention Champions Program and toolkit. Want to know more about becoming a Champion? Explore the Champion job description and apply today! This program requires an annual subscription of \$250 running from June through May. Explore the Infection Prevention Web site to see resources available to all. Details regarding the Champions Program kick-off webinar (held later this summer) will be emailed to each Champion upon program acceptance.
■	Now Available	Love SGNA? Why Not 'Like' Us? SGNA is proud to announce the launch of its Facebook and Twitter pages. These online outlets further SGNA's commitment to being part of the larger GI/endoscopy community, connecting with other organizations and healthcare professionals with shared interests. SGNA Facebook: www.facebook.com/SGNAOnline SGNA Twitter: www.twitter.com/SGNAOnline
■	July 15	Research Grant Submission Deadline The research grant deadline is fast approaching. There are many GI issues that need solutions to ensure the well-being and safety of our

patients. Make your mark on the profession and [apply now](#) for funding on your research grant!

July 31

SGNA RN General and RN Advancing Education Scholarship Deadline

The SGNA RN General and RN Advancing Education Scholarships are available to financially assist those pursuing their RN and those with RNs who are pursuing a BSN, MSN or PhD. To learn more and apply, click [here](#).

July 31

Nomination Deadline for Elected Volunteer Positions

Interested in getting yourself or someone else involved in an elected position at the national level within SGNA? [Submit a completed nomination form](#) by July 31 for consideration.

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HOW TO DOWNLOAD SEMINAR SYLLABUS

- Log onto the website at www.nesgna.org
- Click on **Downloads**
- Click on topic of choice
- This will open a .PDF file. Please be patient with the download. Some files are larger than others.
- Save to your computer, or print as you normally would.

SGNA SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Thinking of going to nursing school or advancing your nursing degree? SGNA offers scholarships to Registered Nurses working in Gastroenterology who are continuing their education by pursuing a BSN, MSN, PhD.

Visit: www.sgna.org for complete details.

WHAT IS A SIG MEETING?

A Special Interest Group (SIG) is a short meeting to discuss an interesting GI topic. Attendance is FREE! Contact a Board member if you are interested in hosting a meeting at your facility, or if you want information on vendor-sponsored programs. The vendors often have lectures “in the can” such as, Hemostasis, ERCP equipment, Scope Cleaning and Infection Control. These lectures are usually 1 hour in length and CEU’s are provided. Already have a SIG planned? Please contact us at WWW.NESGNA.ORG that we can post it in the Newsletter.

Next SIG Meeting in Fall 2013. Please check back soon for information to come.

GOING GREEN

NESGNA remains committed to our “GOING GREEN” initiative as doing so lessens the impact on the environment and helps reduce our overall expenditures. Therefore, the syllabus will continue to be available on-line. We understand some members prefer a printed syllabus, however, due to rising printing, venue and food costs, coupled with declining vendor support; the online syllabus remains the most cost effective option. We appreciate your cooperation.

FEEDBACK FROM THE BOARD

The Board reviews the Evaluation Forms after each seminar and takes your comments seriously. We appreciate your feedback and use your suggestions to identify topics for future seminars. As always, we remain committed to presenting high quality educational programs for our membership.