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President's Letter (2013)

Brenda Walsh, BSN. RN. CGRN

I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday with your family and friends. It is hard to believe that this year is almost over and the New Year is just ahead of us. It is traditionally the time of year for us to think about making resolutions. Some of us might resolve to diet and exercise, others might try to get their finances under better control. While others may take some courses for self-improvement.

In the spirit of helping others I hope some of you will consider volunteering your time and become more involved with your GI community. Consider joining us in the CCFA Team Step walk to help raise money to find a cure for crohn's and colitis disease, or consider going to your local health fair and promote screening colonoscopies to help prevent colon cancer. Join a wellness group at work to promote GI screening amongst your co-workers, or of course you could volunteer to join the NESGNA and help us provide high quality educational courses to our GI nurses and their associates so that we can all provide better care to our GI patient community.

This is also the time of year that the SGNA sends out the Regional Score Card for each president to review. I will share with you the highlights. I am proud to say that our NESGNA Region 28 has a total of 372 members for the year 2013. That ranks us as the 3rd highest membership out of the 63 regions in United States. I am also very proud to say that we have 144 certified nurses in our region with their CGRN. We have a lot to be proud of so I hope you will encourage more of your coworkers to join the NESGNA and to consider becoming GI certified.

I am so proud to have been able to serve you this year as your NESGNA President.

I want to thank each and every one of you so much for all your support this past year. As I step down and Susan Douglas Curran becomes your new President I want to encourage you to volunteer your time to help make a difference in the health of our GI community.

Brenda Walsh

UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS

2013 NESGNA Seminar Schedule

January 25, 2014	Boston Marriott, Newton
March 22 , 2014	Lahey Hospital and Medical Center, Burlington
September 20, 2014	Boston Marriott, Newton
November 15 , 2014	Lahey Hospital and Medical

SGNA NATIONAL COURSE 2014

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN



SGNA 41st Annual Course in Nashville, TN
May 2–6, 2014

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.



NURSE SPEAKERS WANTED

NESGNA is always looking for nurses to speak at upcoming seminars. Perhaps there are QI nurses who are proud of a change they have implemented in their units. Why not share this information with your peers? Is anyone doing research in his or her unit or thinking of starting a project? We would love to hear about it. Who knows you may encourage others to duplicate your research. We understand public speaking can be intimidating but we encourage you to undertake the challenge.

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.