



# CTSGNA

Spring/Summer 2015

## Special points of Interest:

- Presidential Letter
- GI Week
- SGNA Annual Course
- Excellence in Professionalism Award
- Outstanding Regional Society Award

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I don't know about you but I am happy that spring finally arrived. Spring always brings with it the national SGNA conference which was held in Baltimore Maryland this year. The National conference was great as usual. The leadership course covered engaging your members, value in membership, and succession planning. At the House of Delegates four of the five resolutions passed with some changes.

Resolution one Resolve that ...SGNA develop an audio/video version of the certification review course. Adopted. Resolution two Resolved that...SGNA rename the annual course scholarship in recognition of Doris Barnie contribution to GI Nursing. Adopted. Resolution three Resolved that...SGNA provide resources to regional societies on website management. Failed. Resolution four Resolved that...SGNA develop an electronic leadership manual made available to the regions that define the roles and responsibilities, regional requirements and additional orientation materials for local board members. Adopted. Resolution five Resolved that...SGNA offer web based general sessions to remote locations. Adopted. I am very proud and honored to announce CTSGNA Region 9 received

## The Outstanding Regional Society

**Award.** We are an active region both on the national and regional levels. During 2015 to 2016 Michelle Day is serving as our SGNA national Treasurer. Way to go Michelle!

Connecticut members actively participated in Baltimore. Chris Sarisley and Michelle Day taught the GI Review Course. One resolution presented at the House of Delegates was from a CTSGNA member. Michelle Day taught Train the Trainer and Reprocessing Competency Checklist. Kathy Vinci did an oral poster presentation on SGNA Healthcare Policy Committee. Carol Stevens presented a Vendor program for Sedasys, and her husband Pete Stevens presented an optional session on Leadership and Team Cohesion.

Two members received national scholarships: annual course scholarship to Joan Pandolfo and first time attendee annual course scholarship to Hala Jaser. The CTSGNA board finished the bylaws revision, and, after discussion and some changes, they were all accepted at the June dinner meeting. The board is currently working on CTSGNA policies and procedures.

Have a safe and fun summer. See you at the next meeting in September.

Kathy Vinci RNC CGRN  
CTSGNA President

## GI Nurses and Associates Week in CT



Carmen Soto and Diane Caron coordinated a colon cancer awareness table at St Francis for **GI Nurses Week**

-Submitted by Lori Zagaja NM

St Francis Endoscopy

## St Francis Nurses Certification Celebration

The photo is the Certified Nurses from the GI department at Saint Francis Hospital.



# Nationals in Baltimore

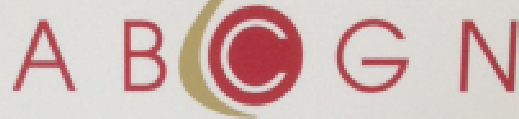
*The national course in Baltimore was very educational and informative.*



*Michelle Day (not pictured) and Chris Sarisley taught the GI Review Course.*



*Kathy Vinci did an oral poster presentation on SGNA Healthcare Policy Committee.*



American Board of Certification  
for Gastroenterology Nurses

## Excellence in Professionalism Recipients 2015

Chesapeake Regional Medical Center	Chesapeake, VA
Southern Ocean Medical Center	Manahawkin, NJ
Corpus Christi Medical Center	Corpus Christi, TX
St. Vincent's Medical Center	Bridgeport, CT
Medical City Dallas Hospital	Dallas, TX
Riverview Medical Center	Red Bank, NJ
Advocate Christ Medical Center	Oak Lawn, IL
Hunterdon Medical Center	Flemington, NJ
John Muir Medical Center, Concord Campus	Concord, CA
Harbin GI Lab, LLC	Rome, GA
Jersey Shore University Medical Center	Neptune City, NJ

*St. Vincent's Medical Center received the Excellence in Professionalism Award from ABCGN. Only eleven facilities in the country received this from ABCGN.*



*CTSGNA Region 9 received  
The Outstanding Regional Society Award*

Our Regional Society has been a very involved partner with SGNA to promote gastrointestinal health. Below are the criteria for determining the Outstanding Region of the Year:

## **SGNA Outstanding Regional Society Award**

This award recognizes the Regional Society most active and dynamic in achieving the goals of SGNA at the regional level. Recognizing the importance of contributions made by Regional Societies, SGNA established this award to acknowledge these efforts and encourage Regional Societies to take pride in their accomplishments. Through this recognition of Regional Societies, SGNA encourages educational growth, increased involvement at the national level and community and legislative involvement.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- The Regional Society must be chartered and in good standing for a minimum of two years
- The region must have not received this award for at least five years

### **Performance Criteria**

- Community and legislative involvement
- Involvement in House of Delegates and national committees
- Presented an educational poster at previous year's Annual Course
- Promoted GI Nurses and Associates Week
- Has a Regional Society newsletter
- The number of continuing education hours offered per year
- Participation in the Nurse Mentor Program \*New
- Percentage of certified members
- Votes cast in the previous year's national SGNA election

### **Guidelines for Completion**

Complete this application along with the following documents:

- A copy of the annual summary report of continuing education hours offered by the region for the previous year
- A recent copy of the Regional Society newsletter if one exists
- An essay in 250 words or less explaining why your Regional Society would be considered "outstanding" by SGNA

### **Award Benefits**

- Recognition during the SGNA Annual Course
- A banner featuring your Regional Society
- A \$1,000 stipend
- Ribbons at the Annual Course for all regional members in attendance
- An announcement in *SGNA News*

Following is the letter of our qualifications:

Connecticut is applying for the Outstanding Regional Society Award for the following reasons. Connecticut SGNA has always been very active at the Regional and National Levels. Michelle Day is current Director of Education. Katherine Vinci served as Speaker of the House of Delegates this past May. Christine Sarisley was an author for the Core Curriculum 5<sup>th</sup> edition and is also on the G and J Journal Board. Michele has been an instructor for Train the Trainer for several years. Two of the instructors for the SGNA national GI review course are from Ct., Chris and Michelle. Chris was an instructor for GI review course this past May at Nationals. Ct has just revised our website and newsletter. CTSGNA was also pleased that one of our Hospitals, UConn Medical Center received Excellence in Professionalism Awards from ABCGN. There were only ten who received this in the nation. In January we hosted the SGNA National Review course in Hartford Ct. We promote certification by reimbursing members part of the certification fee. We provided 31.2 contact hours 24.75 which were GI specific. We are currently revising our By Laws. We were also very proud to have two resolutions brought to the House of Delegates which were approved. Extending GI Nurse and associates Day to a weeklong celebration and the development of a Medical Aid Scholarship which will be awarded for the first time this year. At our regional conference we recognize one member every year with CT GI Nurse of The Year Award.

In addition:

Ct ranked 20 out of 63 regions

38.85% of our nurses are certified

13.20% voted in national election

We have legislative involvement in our regional legislative liaison Katheleen VanGelder

Kathy Vinci participated in the National SGNA Legislative Healthcare Committee

Letters to legislators were written national removing colorectal cancer screening act of 20014

We supplied moderators at the annual course

*Infection Control continued to be a hot topic in light of the ongoing news about scope contamination.*



*Kathy Vinci alongside all the Regional Presidents*



*SGNA Legislative Healthcare Committee in Washington DC*

*DDNC Public Policy Forum*



## **CTSGNA Dates and Deadlines**

- *CTSGNA Leadership Position Application due **September 1st***
- *GI Nurse of the Year application due **October 1st***
- *Beyond the Scope Scholarship application due **October 1st**.  
Three scholarships will be awarded.*

### CTSGNA Nominations for Fall Elections

Leadership applications are being accepted from June 1 through September 1.  
Positions available are:

3 Director Positions (each is a 2 year term)

Secretary (2 year term)

Treasurer (2 year term)

President Elect (Due to transition period, this position is for 2 years, followed by a 1 year term as President)

If you are interested in serving CTSGNA, please complete application electronically, and send electronically to: [CTSGNA@yahoo.com](mailto:CTSGNA@yahoo.com) ([within above time frame](#))

Contact Christine Sarisley, MS, APRN CGRN for questions and/or additional information at: [csarisle@stfranciscare.org](mailto:csarisle@stfranciscare.org)

## CTSGNA Leadership Position Application

Submit electronically to Immediate Past President by September 1

Name and Credentials \_\_\_\_\_ Years in GI Nursing \_\_\_\_\_

Position Desired \_\_\_\_\_

What do you feel are your strengths in running for this position?

Education

Employment

SGNA National/Regional Involvement

Presentations/Publications/ GI Related Projects

What are Your Goals Going Forward?

## **CTSGNA Meetings**

**September 17, 2015** *Mid-state*

**October 30, 2015**

*ERCPC at Hartford Sheraton South, Rocky Hill*

**October 31, 2015**

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

**November 12, 2015**

*CTSGNA Dinner meeting Location TBA*