Happy New Year to all!

2006 has arrived quickly and CT SGNA has a busy year. Now is the time to contact your town’s Mayor or Selectmen and have them prepare a Proclamation in preparation for Colon Cancer Awareness during the month of March.

We need to begin planning activities for the month of March, it is never too early to start.

What type of activities are you planning within your facility or community? Please share your ideas with other nurses in the region.

Here are a few web sites to refer to during your planning of activities to promote Colon Cancer Awareness. The web sites have links to other web sites as well.

www.preventcancer.org
www.eifoundation.org
www.nccrt.org
www.sgna.org

January 22-28 is National Certified Nurse’s Week.

Please take the time to recognize the RN, LPN or Technician around you who have achieved this certification. Plan a luncheon at work, take pictures and make sure to send them to CBGNA and they will put them on the website for all to view! It is important that we encourage our peers to strive for certification, this demonstrates commitment to your GI specialty and professional growth.

-Lori

CBGNA

Outstanding Gastroenterology Professional of the Year Award

The application for this award can be found on www.cbgna.org or www.sgna.org and link to CBGNA. If there is a certified GI nurse that you know qualifies for this recognition, please fill out the form and return it to CBGNA before February 15, 2006.

Excellence in Professionalism Award

The application for this award can be found on www.cbgna.org and link to CBGNA. This award is given to the facilities that have 50% or greater number of certified nurses and associates. Please complete the application and return to CBGNA before February 15, 2006.

SAVE THE DATE

Host Hospital: Bradley Memorial Hospital • Southington, Connecticut
Thursday, February 16, 2006
6 pm dinner provided by Hobbs Medical
7 pm speaker, Dr. Ralph Giarnella • Topic: The Bravo System
CEUs pending
February CTSGNA State Meeting

Bradley Memorial Hospital’s Special Procedure Unit has two GI Procedure Rooms and averages sixty procedures a week. This includes admitting and discharging them. A variety of other out-patient services are also performed here including IV therapies, therapeutic phlebotomies, lumps and bumps excisions, various injections, bronchoscopies, thoracentesis, lumbar punctures, etc.

With three full time RNs, one part-time RN and one technician, these procedures keep us hopping. We are also on call twenty four hours a day, seven days a week.

Space is limited so please call 276-5180 by February 9, 2006 to reserve your space. Contact: Jeanne Galvin or Terri Goffred.

Directions to Bradley Memorial Hospital and Health Center

81 Meriden Avenue
Southington, CT 06489
276-5000

From Hartford:
I-84 West; Exit 32; Right at ramp; Travel south on Rte. 10 approx. 3 miles; To Rte. 120 (Meriden Ave.); Hospital on left.

From Meriden/New Haven:
Rte. 691 West to Exit 4; Right at ramp; Right at first light onto Rte. 120 (Meriden Ave.); Follow to Hospital.

From Waterbury:
I-84 East; Exit 30 (Marion Ave.); Right at ramp; Straight to Rte. 10; (Follow “H” signs); Right at Meriden Ave. (Rte. 120).

Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for kindness
-Seneca

People don’t care how much you know, until they know how much you care.
-unknown
Letter from the Editor

Thank you to Hartford Hospital for hosting the November dinner meeting. The dinner was sponsored by Christopher Diana of TAP Pharmaceuticals. Dr. Kiran Sachdev presented an interesting lecture on New Frontiers in Gerd: Cordless, Probeless and Non-Acid.

The results are in for the November Election of Officers. The new officers for 2006 - 2008 are:

President— Lori Lofstrom
President-Elect— Angel Morales
Secretary— Nancy Covini
Treasurer— Patty Pontoillo

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL

A scholarship form will be included in this newsletter; it is for the National SGNA Conference. The applications will be due by February’s state meeting. Send scholarship forms to Kathryn Miller. The number and amount of scholarship will be announced at the February meeting.

Since November 2001 I have been CTSGNA Newsletter Editor. It has been a rewarding experience these past four years. I hope the next Newsletter Editor has as much enjoyment as I have had. I will continue to advise the newsletter committee.

Kathy Vinci, CGRN

APPROACHING DEADLINES

CTSGNA applications are due for CTSGNA educational scholarships for the SGNA annual course in San Antonio, TX in May. Please fill out the applications and send them to Kathryn Miller, PO Box 145, No. Granby, CT 06060. They must be postmarked no later than February 24, 2006. You may also bring them to the February meeting at Bradley Memorial Hospital.

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Dates to Remember

February 16, 2006
CTSGNA state meeting
Bradley Memorial Hospital

March 16, 2006
CTSGNA state meeting
Middlesex Memorial Hospital

April 20, 2006
CTSGNA state meeting
MidState Medical Center

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Middlesex Endoscopy Center
Experienced GI nurses needed full or part time at new facility. The center is open Monday-Thursday, 10 hour shifts. Please fax resume to Colleen Lawson, RN Director of Nursing at 860-343-1250 or call 860-343-1240.

Adult/Pedi GI RN Manager
Our client, 273 bed teaching community hospital, located just outside of Boston, MA, has an immediate opportunity for an Adult/Pedi GI RN Manager. Adult has 8 procedure rooms, 14 recovery bays, 2 interview rooms, with average of 12k procedures per year. The brand new Pediatrics GI has 1 procedure room with 6 recovery areas and projected volume of 1500 procedures per year. All types of procedures including EUS ultrasonic. Manager to oversee staff, budget, operations, overall program development. Reports to Director of Surgical Services. Start of the art equipment. BSN required, MSN or MS related degree preferred, CGRN preferred 1-2 years of progressive leadership/management experience preferred, GI experience required. Competitive salary plus excellent benefits.

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Regional Members Active at National Level

Several of our members have been elected to national level positions. We are very proud to have this recognition and exposure from our members.

Carol Stevens is President-Elect for National SGNA.
Kathryn Miller has been appointed to the CBGNA Board and is also on the Gastroenterology Editorial Board.
Gail Steele is starting her second term on the CBGNA Board.
Katherine Vinci is on the National Nomination and Election Committee.

Barbara Sullivan is on the National Program Committee.
Christine Sarisley is on the Gastroenterology Editorial Board.
Michelle Day will be presenting at the National Conference, “Nursing Considerations for the Bariatric Surgery.”

Newsletter Inserts:
- Proctor & Gamble Nomination Form
- SGNA Walk for Research Flyer
- CTSGNA Scholarship Application Form

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