



CTSGNA

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From the President

2016 has been an amazing year for CTSGNA. The CTSGNA Board has implemented initiatives to mirror other professional organizations, as well as National SGNA. 18.25 GI specific contact hours and a contract with Chamberlain College have been implemented.

Your elected Board holds accountability towards a fiscally responsible year, and this year marks the first where we have a budget. An operational budget, including templates to track and monitor income and expenditures, has been created so that we may continue to provide high level member benefits. In

maintaining transparency, it is important that members understand that benefits provided by CTSGNA exceed benefits offered by other State professional organizations.

This year marked the 15th year of celebrating the Hands-On ERCP Course, and also introduced an electronic process for registration and syllabus. In addition, we have worked to gather sponsor support from outside providers.

Finally, succession planning has begun to recruit and mentor new members who will be the future face of CTSGNA.

It is a privilege to serve as President,

C. Sarisley, MS APRN, CGRN

GI Nurses and Associates Week in CT 2016





St. Francis Hospital had a table by the cafeteria to promote Colon Cancer Awareness. Pictured are Carmen Soto RN, Beth DiCamillo RN, Amanda Ayers MD, Diane Caron RN and Lyn Kelley RN.

Proclamations from Governor!



Nationals in *Seattle*

There was a lot of involvement in our National Course this year from CTSGNA.

-  Moderators included Janet Cordova and Gail Steele
-  ABCGN Item Writer's Workshop was attended by Janet Cordova and Kathleen Saunders
-  Carol Stevens, Past National SGNA President, was an Exhibitor and Educator for J and J
-  House of Delegates' session was attended by Janet Cordova, Angel Morales, Chris Sarisley, and Kathy Vinci
-  Chris Sarisley was an instructor in the GI Nurse Review Course
-  Kathy Vinci presented a poster and sessions related to the Healthcare Committee and Hemochromatosis
-  CTSGNA Scholarships to attend Nationals were awarded to Rita Botelho, Joanne Struble, and Kathy Vinci
-  National Scholarships to first time attendees were awarded to Carolyn Checovetes and Kathleen Saunders
-  A National Scholarship to attend was awarded to Janet Cordova



Region #9 Connecticut

C. Stevens, K. Vinci, A. Morales,
J. Cordova, C. Sarisley




2016 Regional Member
of the Year was presented:

Congratulations!
Kathy Vinci

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



And our involvement in Nationals continues!

 Michelle Day was elected to be our current President-elect for national SGNA! Congratulations Michelle! We are so proud!

 Janet Cordova is serving on the National Audit Committee for ABCGN committee this year

Chamberlain College of Nursing and CTSGNA are partnering for members to complete BSN, MSN and DNP Programs.

All members will receive a 10% discount.

CTSGNA Members Accomplishments:

Donna Jacobs, BSN, RN CGRN received her certification!!

Joanne Struble, MSHA, BSN RN CGRN received her master's.



Congratulations to all on a job well done!!

Farewell



We are sad to see the transition of longtime mentor and friend, Carol Stevens, BSN, RN, CGRN CFER. Carol is preparing to leave the region as she relocates to the South. Carol has been a very active member of both our Regional Society and the National SGNA. We wish Carol only the best in this new adventure; and want her to know that she will be sorely missed!!

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2017 CTSGNA State Meetings	
February	Hartford Hospital
March	Middlesex Hospital
April	YNHH ~ SRC
September	THOCC ~ New Britain