



President's Letter

Lori Lofstrom, CGRN, CTSGNA President

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

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Outstanding Gastroenterology Professional of the Year Award

The application for this award can be found on www.cbгна.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.cbгна.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

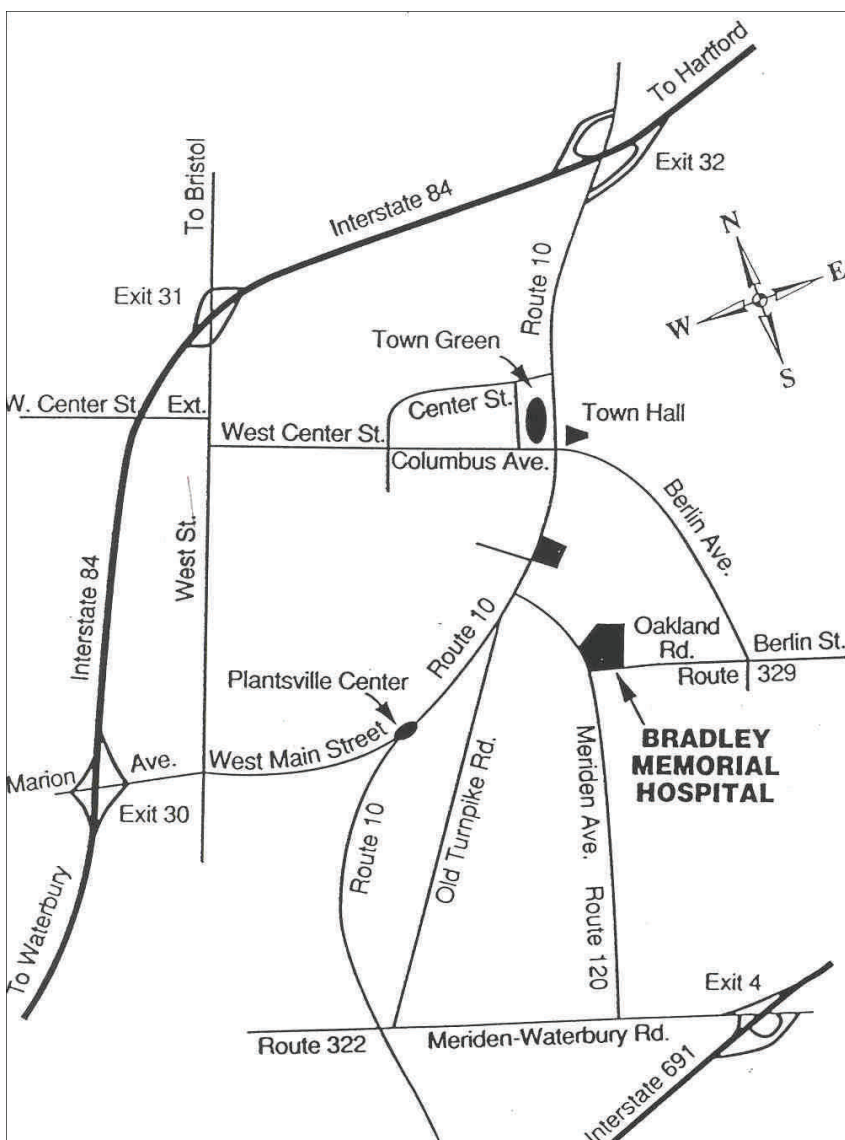
Bradley Memorial Hospital's Special Procedure Unit has two GI Procedure Rooms and averages sixty procedures a week. This includes admitting and discharging them. A variety of other out-patient services are also performed here including IV therapies, therapeutic phlebotomies, lumps and bumps excisions,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

With three full time RNs, one part-time RN and one technician, these procedures keep us hoping. 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.



Bradley Memorial Hospital nurses pictured left to right:: Jeanne Gauvin, RN CGRN, Terri Goffred, RN BSN CGRN, Donna Connelly, RN and Donna Pawloski, RN



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

Kathy Vinci, CGRN

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.

The annual Walk for Research will take place on Monday, May 22 in San Antonio from 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. (Yes, we actually get up at 6 a.m. to join the walk!) As in previous years, CT SGNA has pledged \$500 to support SGNA research and education efforts that we benefit from. Please raise funds in your respective facilities and we will donate the total as a region. **I urge the members of our region to show our outstanding status by striving to make the largest donation of all the regions.** Please get creative with your fundraising and together we will achieve this goal! Bring your ideas to our February meeting and we will brainstorm about ways to raise the funds. We will collect funds during our monthly meetings in February, March and April. You will find a copy of the Walk for Research application form in this newsletter.

Kind regards, Lori Lofstrom

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.

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 1-2years 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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