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# CTSGNA NEWSLETTER

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## President's Letter

Greetings to all!

I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving, 2006. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish our outgoing President, Lori Lofstrom and her husband Eric, on behalf of CTSGNA and friends much happiness and new opportunities that they are about embark upon. I know that everyone at CTSGNA will miss Lori's strengths, wisdom and commitment to CTSGNA.

I would also like to announce that Kathy Vinci has been chosen by the CTSGNA board of directors as our new President-elect. As has been stated, Kathy has been very active for over 7 years in the CTSGNA and was secretary for 2002 - 2004. She has participated as newsletter editor of our chapter and was the recipient of the MD Memorial scholarship award at the national SGNA conference. She brings a great deal of experience and true "can-do" attitude that will help us make the coming year a great success. Please join me in congratulating and welcoming Kathy to her new role.

Everyone who participated in the Beyond the Scope 2006 did a great job at making this year's event such a success. I'd like to thank Debbie, Magda, Tim and Carolyn, the volunteers who gave much of their time to make the raffle extra successful. The money we raised will help CTSGNA continue to provide eligible members scholarship funds to attend conferences. I would like to encourage current members and new members to participate in SGNA educational opportunities. We can all help to make region #9 achieve our goals and mission, which is to share clinical ideas and learnings with others in our specialty.

Angel Morales, CGRN, CTSGNA President

On October 27 and 28 I had the privilege of attending the National Leadership Conference in Chicago. While at times the experience and amount of information provided were a bit overwhelming, on balance, I am excited about the potential we have to making CTSGNA a stronger region all the time. Carol Stevens gave an excellent speech on leadership development, highlighting the importance and opportunities regarding networking, mentoring and membership recruitment.

As Lori stated in her June, 2006 newsletter, Carol will lead us in the 2007 national conference next May in Baltimore, Maryland. I encourage as many of you as possible to attend. Please try to book your hotel accommodations ASAP because there are many events occurring in Baltimore at that time, including the Preakness Horse Race. This is the first time in many years that the conference has been held so close to us, so arranging travel will be much more convenient than it has been in quite some time. I also encourage new members to become certified and apply for scholarships for the May, 2007 conference.

I am delighted to be attending the New York Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual New York Course: Frontiers in Endoscopy in December. Having attended this course twice before, there is a great deal of new and relevant information about new technologies and innovations.

Finally, I want to thank all of you for your support in helping to make this a smooth transition into my new role. I never could have done this without all of you behind me!

- Angel

## CBGNA UPDATE

Scholarship applications for the May 2007 certification exam are due by December 15, 2006. You can download the forms from [www.cbgna.org](http://www.cbgna.org). Applications for Professional of the year can also be found on line. The dead line for this is February 15, 2007. I am sure that there is someone that is certified from your facility that might qualify for the award. The award will be given out at the Gala Dinner during the annual course in Baltimore.

*Gail Steele LPN,CGN  
CBGNA Board of Directors*

Beginning January 2007, meeting notifications will be on line only.  
Members are encouraged to use this form of communication.

## Dates to Remember

November 16

Dinner Meeting (*see page 3 for details*)

1.2 CEUs will be provided by Hartford Hospital.

Dinner will be provided.

## CTSGNA November Dinner Meeting

Thursday, November 16, 2006

The Farmington Marriott

6:30 pm - Business Meeting

7 pm - Dr. Joseph Cappa, Updates on IBD

Space is limited.

Please RSVP by Monday, November 13.

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Farmington Marriott 860.678.1000

Driving directions: Route 91 South to 84 W, Exit 37

Fienemann Road, straight across the exit.

Hotel is located in Farm Springs Office Park.



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## Letter from the Editor

I hope all that attended Beyond the Scope 2006 found it a worthwhile conference. We will be starting the planning for BTS 2007 shortly. We are always looking for new volunteers to help with the planning. If you are interested in joining a committee please see me at the November meeting or email me at [gstele170@yahoo.com](mailto:gstele170@yahoo.com).

The Annual course for SGNA this year will be in Baltimore, MD. Please go to [www.sgna.org](http://www.sgna.org) to sign up for room reservations. It is recommended that this be done now because of other activities going on at the same time. The Preakness is running on Saturday and room availability for the weekend will be tight. All hotel reservations will be made through SGNA. If you aren't sure you will be attending you might still want to put in for a room and cancel if you decide not to go.



### Pictures from Beyond the Scope 2006

*Photos courtesy of Kathy Vinci*