



Connecticut SGNA Newsletter

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President's Letter

Happy Summer, CTSGNA members!!

I hope you have all had a productive and memorable summer.

The coming fall brings many opportunities for us as a professional organization, especially our 15th annual Beyond the Scope conference which will be held at the Foxwoods Casino on October 12 and 13. I encourage all of you to attend and ask that you invite some of your co-workers to attend as well. Every year the conference proves to be more and more professionally gratifying – and lots of fun – something we can never have enough of!!

On another note, our 2006 – 2007 year afforded many great opportunities for education and professional networking during our monthly meetings and we are now in the process of coordinating our 2007 – 2008 meeting schedule. We would encourage any of you who would like to host a monthly meeting at your institution to contact Kathy Vinci or me if you have topics of interest or suggested speakers.

We are particularly interested in expanding the location of our meetings across the entire state.

I continue to be incredibly impressed and most appreciative of all of the hard work and commitment of the CTSGNA board members, the Beyond the Scope committee, all of the other committees and Gail Steele for all of her hard work on our newsletter and website.

Let's all work together to make 2007 – 2008 our best season ever by encouraging all current and new members to participate in the SGNA – whether that's through mentoring others, preparing for certification or participating in local colon cancer awareness initiatives. We have a very important job to do and great opportunities as endoscopy professionals.

Wishing you a wonderful fall and looking forward to seeing you all at our September meeting at Mid State Medical Center on Thursday, September 20, 2007 at 6:00 and at Foxwoods in October.

Best regards, Angel

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CTSGNA MEETING

Thursday, September 20, 2007

Location: Mid State Medical Center

Registration: 6:00 pm

SGNA Meeting 6:30 pm

Speaker: 7:00 pm

Dr. Dean Chang

Topic: Patient-based Case Study of Celiac Disease

Jody Wuenneman, BSN

Caring for a Child with Celiac Disease

One contact hour provided

To register call 203-694-8778

Call by September 15, 2007

Directions:

91N and 91S to 691W Exit 6 (Lewis Ave) Hospital is across from exit ramp.

84E and 84W to 691E Exit 7, take left off exit to Meriden Mall. Cut through mall parking lot, passing on the side of JC Penny or Macys to Sears. Exit mall parking lot, hospital is across the street from the mall.

DIGESTIVE HEALTH CENTER

What does it take to achieve excellent customer service? Just ask the staff of Digestive Health Center. The staff is consistently recognized by patients for excellent patient care and the team has been nominated for team of the year.

The Digestive Health Center is a service dedicated to gastrointestinal health care, including providing colonoscopies, endoscopies, bronchoscopies and ERCPs™. Of great importance is the expert nursing staff who ensure the comfort of patients during procedures and who provide clinical support to the physicians during the procedures.

The Digestive Health Center has 26 staff members. Hours of operation are from 6:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, with staff on call after hours for emergencies.

This department has been very active working within the community providing education and information on the importance of screening to reduce the risk of colorectal cancer. Each year it has collaborated with the Community Relations in the spring to host programs on the need for colorectal cancer screenings, including colonoscopies, and has worked with area gastroenterologists to conduct community programs on acid reflux and other stomach related problems.



CTSGNA SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are now being accepted for the Beyond the Scope 2007 Conference.

Deadline for application is September 20, 2007. You may download the application from the website and forward to Michelle Day.

P&G NURSE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Each year Proctor & Gamble Pharmaceutical is thrilled to sponsor educational programs. Again this year the GI Professional Nurse of the Year award will be announced at the Beyond the Scope Conference on October 13, 2007.

Please take a moment to acknowledge individual excellence, professionalism and dedication to GI Nursing by filling out the nomination form. Please do not hesitate to nominate a candidate. It would be great if each department would nominate someone. **Deadline for submission is September 30, 2007.**

Nomination form may be found on page 4 of this newsletter as well as on the website. www.sgnaregions.org/ct. Forms may be emailed to mday@harthosp.org or mailed to:
Michelle Day
467 Merrow Road
Tolland, CT 06084.

EVENT & DEADLINE REMINDERS

- September 20 Beyond the Scope Scholarship Applications Due
CTSGNA Meeting-Mid State Medical Center (6pm)
- September 30 GI Nurse of the Year Nominations Due
- October 12 Hands on ERCP Course
- October 13 Beyond the Scope 2007 at Foxwoods
- October 21 Certification Exam
- December 31 Deadline for recertification for 2007

Letter From the Editor

Well summer is over and it's time to start a new season. CTSGNA will begin their monthly meetings this month at Mid State Medical Center. The meeting will again be held on the 3rd Thurs of the month. Please watch the web for any date changes. Beyond the Scope 2007 is just around the corner. Hopefully we will, as always, have great support from the membership. If there are new people in your department what better way to get them interested in CTSGNA and SGNA but to have them come to the conference this year. If you need application for registration please go to the web site. I'm looking forwarded to another great educational year. See you at MidState.

Gail Steele, LPN, CGN

**CT SGNA NOMINATION FORM FOR
THE PROFESSIONAL GI NURSE OF THE YEAR**

CT SGNA wants to make it easier for you to nominate an outstanding nurse you feel deserves the GI Professional Nurse of the Year award. Please take a brief moment to acknowledge individual excellence, professional and dedication to GI Nursing by filling in the form below. Do not hesitate to nominate a candidate. It is not necessary to have all yes answers to be eligible for this award.

Deadline for 2007 nominations is September 30,2007

NAME OF NOMINEE	
PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	
ADDRESS OF EMPLOYMENT	
WORK PHONE NUMBER	
HOME ADDRESS	
HOME PHONE NUMBER	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
NAME OF NOMINATOR	
HOME ADDRESS	
HOME PHONE NUMBER	
WORK PHONE NUMBER	
EMAIL ADDRESS	

Years of SGNA membership	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 - 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 - 10	<input type="checkbox"/> Over 10
	Yes		No
Regular attendance at Regional meetings			
Attendance at Beyond the Scope			
Active participation in a Regional SGNA committee			
Active participation in a National SGNA committee			
Board Certification in Gastroenterology			
Acts as a Preceptor for new employees			
Active participation in a GI related support group			
Participated in the CT SGNA Colon Cancer Awareness at the Meriden Mall			
Hosted a state meeting with CEU's			
Published an article in a Nursing Journal			
Is an active member of a hospital based committee			
Lectured on a GI related topic			

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