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CNY SGNA Newsletter**

**Central New York Society of  
Gastroenterology Nurses and  
Associates.**

**CELEBRATING 25 YEARS**

**President's Message:**

I would like to thank you for the honor of representing you for 2005. This has been a very exciting year.

We have our own website,  
[www.cnysgna.org](http://www.cnysgna.org)

We had over 144 people attend our Fall Meeting celebrating 25 years of GI Nursing in the Central NY area. Fantastic speakers. This ended with a view of the future in GI. It sounds very exciting.

The Gala had 60 attending. If you missed it, it was your loss. We have a few wine glasses with our logo available if anyone is interested. E-mail Cathy Bolton and she will have it at the Spring Meeting, \$3.00 per glass.

We have new certified nurses following the exam on Oct. 16. I will have the list of newly certified

next newsletter. Congratulations to all who were successful and also to all who attempted and came up a little short. It takes guts to move to the next level. Please try again, you can do it.

I would like everyone who has 2 years of GI nursing to consider taking the certification exam. It is a challenge. CGRN is something to be proud of and worth the effort.

I want to thank the Planning Committee: Chair: Eileen Fox and Bill Ericson. Cathy Bolton, MaryLou Knox, MaryAnne Malone, Janet Moran, Terry Markiewicz, Anne Schmidt, and Barb Schwant.

I would also like to thank all of the vendors who have sponsored speakers or supported Central NY. They make us a stronger regional. Remember to thank Boston Scientific, Custom Ultrasonics, Olympus and Wilson-Cook Medical for the great speakers that they sponsored.

Bill Ericson got a proclamation from the Albany County declaring Oct. 15 Central NY GI Nurses Day.

Margaret Gill and Marcia Hardick presented the best history of GI nurses with humor and skill.

**Eileen Fox is retiring** from GI nursing at the VA Hospital, Albany. She will be having a retirement party on January 14, 2006. Malozzi's in Rotterdam. \$35. Contact: **Bill Ericksen 518-626-6315(w)**  
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Congratulations to Eileen on her retirement. Central NY would like to thank Eileen for her many years of Education Chair and the many conferences that she co-chaired. Best of luck. Also thank you Ray Fox for the great Canadaigua wine he has shared.

Your new Board for 2006 is on the colored sheet at the end of this newsletter. Congratulations to Mary Ellen Barrett, Gayle Millis, Terry Markiewicz, and Janet Moran, newly elected or re-elected Board.

**Be sure to send in your 2006 dues for SGNA.**

**Vote for SGNA slate.** One of the items that is looked at to be Outstanding Regional is the number of voting members. We would like to try applying for that next year. VOTE, please.

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**SPRING EDUCATIONAL MEETING**

**APRIL 7-8, 2005  
Turning Stone Casino**

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We will be offering the Multi-regional meeting in the Capital

District area Oct. 13-15, 2006. Is anyone interested in working on the committee? It is a great experience. The Certification exam will be Oct. 15, 2006 at our site.

Please consider being a member of a committee. It should only involve a few hours in a year. We need new faces. It is a great opportunity to network with some of the best GI nurses that I know.

Welcome to our new members.

We are considering sending newsletters out via e-mail. I will work on this in the next couple of months. Please send me your e-mail if we do not have it. I will mail a copy to those who prefer a hard copy.

We did not have enough recipe's to do the cookbook, so please consider sending one in. We will offer cookbooks and aprons at the Spring meeting. **Central NY GI Nurses Cookbook.** Deadline for sending recipe's is **March 6** to MaryAnne Malone. [www.maryannegrn@msn.com](mailto:www.maryannegrn@msn.com) Or her address is on the last page. Please send in one of your favorite recipe's. It only takes a couple minutes to e-mail a recipe.

Coleen Feocco handed out "hands" at the Gala. She is working on a quilt to show us in April.

**Our Spring Meeting sounds fantastic.** Topics will include: GI Emergencies, Ethical Issues of PEG's, Hepatitis C, Capsule Endoscopy. Friday night will have "Nurses Notes" play, a hospitality room with food and drinks. This will be at the new

golf resort. I can't wait. The networking and education will be worth the trip from anywhere.

Thank you again, for being the best regional. Merry Christmas. May you have peace within your life.

Barb Schwant, BSN, RN, CGRN  
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You can **apply for the April meeting scholarship.** Eileen Fox, 27 Hillcrest Ave. Albany, NY 12203 518-438-3029 (h).  
Deadline March 25, 2006.

Think about applying for the **National Scholarship.** (Generally about \$1000.) Deadline is **Jan. 2, 2006.** Form available online at [cnysgna.org](http://cnysgna.org)  
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**MEMBERSHIP: 91**  
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**DATES:**  
**January 24, 2006** Dinner Meeting. Grande's, Binghamton. Management of biliary strictures, biliary stone removal and esophageal malignancies. Contact MaryFran Cummiskey. [www.mommer201@aol.com](mailto:www.mommer201@aol.com) or 607-762-2276 (w), 607-748-7156(h)

**March 14, 2006** Dinner Meeting. Principles of electrosurgery. (Place TBA). Contact: Terry Markiewicz [www.feedkramer@aol.com](mailto:www.feedkramer@aol.com) or 518-243-4258.

**April 7-8, 2006** Spring Education Meeting, Utica, NY Chris Furlong [www.cfurlong@twcny.rr.com](mailto:www.cfurlong@twcny.rr.com) 315-624-6932

**May 2, 2006** Dinner Meeting. Advances of hemostasis. Contact: Terry Markiewicz (Place TBA.) [www.feedkramer@aol.com](mailto:www.feedkramer@aol.com) or 518-243-4258

**May 19-24, 2006** National SGNA Meeting, San Antonio, TX

**Oct. 13-15, 2006** Multi-regional Meeting. Site to be announced. Barb Schwant, contact person for now. 518-887-2850.

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