



No. 31

JULY 2008
CNY SGNA Newsletter

Central New York Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates. Region 37.

President's Message:

Spring has sprung and summer is on the way! Hope you enjoyed our Spring conference at the Turning Stone. Babs and her staff did a wonderful job. There were 100+ attendees, great shopping opportunities at the uniform shop, door prizes. A wonderful array of baskets to bid on and massages throughout the day. Many thanks to our vendors for their continued support. Job well done.

The scholarship application dates for the National meeting has been extended to January 31, in hopes that we will have more applicants apply before the deadline. In lieu of scholarships to the National meeting this year we awarded 10 vouchers to CNYSGNA members that were present at the Spring business meeting to be used for the Fall or Spring regional conference. Congrats to those whose names were drawn. I enjoyed representing our regional at the

National Meeting in Salt Lake City.

The Fall conference "SCOPE OUT EDUCATION" will be held at the Radisson in Corning, NY. It is in full swing.

Some topics to be included are:

- N.O.T.E.S.
- ICD'S and Anticoagulant therapy –Janet Joki, RN
- Signs and Symptoms of Impending Doom in the GI Suite and Rapid Response Teams- Cheryl Myer, RN
- Enhancing your patients experience in the GI Suite- from Proctor and Gamble Research Team back by popular demand: Evelyn Maariani, the dietician from the Spring Conference and her husband Steve who will be talking about Crohn's Disease from a patient's perspective. Other topics to be announced soon.

Guest room accommodations
\$119 Single or double
\$129 triple or quad
Above guest room accommodation rate subject to additional NYS sales and lodging tax (current 2008 is 8% and 4%)

**The Radisson Hotel
Corning, NY
607-962-5000**

Hope to see all of you there.

Sue Gursky, RN, CGRN
President, CNY

.....
Membership: 119
.....

FALL EDUCATIONAL MEETING

Scope out Education

October 25, 2008

Information: Sue Gursky, RN
607- 737-4216 (w)

sgursky@aomc.org

Hotel Reservations:

The Radisson Hotel
Corning, NY
607-962-5000

Editor's Note:

Hope that your having a great summer.
Mark your calendar for the Fall meeting. It sounds great.

Make sure that you check the CNYSGNA website.

1. There is a free education unit for all Central NY members. Thank you Terry Markiewicz.
2. Your scholarship application will soon be online. Do not miss the deadline, Jan. 31, 2009.
3. There is computerized testing for Certification. It is offered May and October, with a 30 day window to take the exam. This is before the paper test date. Link to ABCGN.org from our site. It is offered on Community College campuses. Or call 800-245-7462, option 3.
4. Recertification requirements have changed. Check out the site. You are only required to have 40 GI specific lecture contact hours. Two new Categories have been added: Poster Items and Involvement with local Regional.

Get involved!!! Central NY is looking for interested nurses.

5 Call or e-mail Mary Ellen Barrett if you would like to run for office. Deadline is coming up fast. 315-470-7921 (w)

Barbara Schwant, BSN, RN, CGRN

<http://www.iceinstitute.com/webinar.html>

free education but \$10 for contact hour

.....
DATES:

July 31, 2008

SGNA RN General Education Scholarship Deadline

SGNA Advancing RN Education Scholarship Deadline

October 1, 2008

SGNA Membership Scholarship Deadline

Certification Exam October 19, 2008

**CNYSGNA Fall Educational Meeting October 25, 2008
Corning, NY**

Sue Gursky 607-255-7130

Check out Central NY's website: www.cnysgna.org

IF YOU MISSED...

...the Business meeting after the Spring Conference at Turning Stone in March, you missed a lot! Ten (count 'em, TEN!) scholarships to a CNY SGNA program were give away to members! The certificates are

good for free attendance at any CNY SGNA program, to be used before June 2009. Congratulations to the lucky recipients, & enjoy your savings!

Also, it was announced that the Board has voted to extend the deadline for scholarship applications for SGNA national meetings. The new deadline is January 31. As we get closer to the end of the year, the application form will be available on the CNY website. The process for applying is currently described there.

Terry Markiewicz, MS, RN, CGRN

New e-mails:

Barb Schwant:
BSchwant@gmail.com

Sue Gursky:
sgursky@aomc.org

Brenda Hayes:
brendahayes39@yahoo.com

President-elect Note::

Salt Lake City Report:

I want to thank Central New York region for sending me to the SGNA National Education Conference. It was a pleasure being an alternate at the House of Delegates day-long meeting. This is the best vantage point to see National Committee work in action.

The education courses were extraordinary in variety and ability levels. Anyone from first year to twenty years could find classes and learn something new. Next year I hope to have the highest turnout from Central NY. See you in St. Louis May 15-20, 2009.

Brenda Hayes
Pres-elect CNY

.....
STATE FAIR

August 29, 2008 Babette Clapper will be running the nurses booth at the State Fair from 2-8 PM. Let her know if you can help, or at least stop in and say hi. Babette: 315-624-7035(w)

"Newsletters represent the authors' opinions based upon the current understanding and usual practices in this field. Except as stated, it does not represent SGNA guidelines or procedures. Practitioners must adapt the information to their individual situations. SGNA accepts no responsibility for specific applications of this information."

**CNY SGNA:
YOUR 2008 BOARD:**

President : Suzanne Gursky, RN, CGRN 108 Rolling Acres Road Pine City, NY 14871

607-734-4934 (h), 607-737-4216
(w) sgursky@aomc.org

Past President: Mary Ellen
Barrett, RN, CGRN. 116
Kenwood Ave. Syracuse, NY
13208 315-470-7921 (w) 315-
455-5035 (h).

RYALNI@twcny.rr.com

President-elect: Brenda Hayes,
RN, CGRN 518-926-6230(w)
518-747-5155(h)
219 Green Barn Rd. Hudson Falls,
NY 12839
brendahayes39@yahoo.com

Secretary: Gayle E. Millis, RN,
CGRN 3257 Center Road
Moravia, NY 13118 (315)364-
7861(h), (315)255-7130 or
(315)255-7213(w)
DougandGayleMillis@excite.com

Treasurer: Cathleen H. Bolton,
RN, CGRN 518-585-7102 (h),
518-926-6220(w) FAX 518-926-
6234 voice: 518-926-6226
90 Tiroga Beach Lane,
Ticonderoga, NY 12883-2307
chbolton@hotmail.com

Board members at Large:

Education Chair: Terry
Markiewicz, MS, RN, CGRN
104 St. Stephens La. W., Scotia, NY
12302 518-243-4258 (w) 518-399-
0703 feedkramer@aol.com

Membership Chair: Maddi
Gates, RN, CGRN
1019 Irving Ave, Endicott, NY
13760 607-762-2592 (w)
607-786-9255 (h)
pettittecone@hotmail.com.

Bylaws Chair Babette Clapper,
RN, CGRN 7652 Kriswood Dr.
Rome, NY 13440 315-339-3296
(h) 315-624-7035(w)
b.clapper@hotmail.com

Finance/Budget : Janet
Moran, RN. 518- 399-7341(h) 518-
243-4258 (w). FAX 518-243-1325
56 Vines Rd.
Ballston Lake, NY 12019
Pmoran1@nycap.rr.com

Scholarship: Anne Schmidt
10 Carroll Terr. Albany, NY
12209 518-462-3179 (h) 518-626-
6315 (w)
Rschmid1@nycap.rr.com or
Anne.Schmidt@va.gov

Practice Committee, SGNA.
MaryAnne Malone, RN, CGRN
518-262-5049(w) 518-237-2262(h)
18 Viewpointe Dr. Troy, NY
12182 maryannecgrn@MSN.com

**Editor/NOLF rep/Director on
CBGNA Board:** Barbara
Schwant, RN, BSN, CGRN 518-
887-2850 (h), 518-243-4258(w)
FAX 518-243-1325 (w)
309 Muselbeck Rd.
Pattersonville, NY 12137
BSchwant@gmail.com

**American Board of Certification
for Gastroenterology Nurses**
800-245-7462, option 3
Abcgn.org

**National Society of
Gastroenterology Nurses and
Associates:** 800-245-7462
www.sgna.org
e-mail: SGNA@sba.com

Local education members:
Binghamton: MaryFran
Cummiskey, RN, CGRN 201 Frey
Ave. Endicott, NY 13760 _ 607-

762-2276 (w), 607-748-7156(h)
www.mommer201@aol.com

Capital District: Terry
Markiewicz, MS, RN, CGRN.
104 St. Stephens La. W., Scotia, NY
12302 518-243-4258 (w) 518-399-
0703 feedkramer@aol.com

Syracuse: Coleen Feocco,
BA, RN, CGRN 315-475-2802
(h)315-470-7921(w)
2210 South Geddes St. Syracuse,
NY 13207 rfeocco@twcny.rr.com

Website: www.cnysgna.org
Webmaster: ecbcuria@gmail.com

Mike Lephart of Boston Scientific
has agreed to sponsor our
newsletter. Thank you Mike
If you need to contact Mike
Boston Scientific:
1-800-471-3226 x3027