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Associates.  
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**President's Message:**  
To CNYSGNA Members:

Happy Spring! Hopefully the April showers have made your May flowers bloom. It seems spring has taken its sweet time coming. At least the flowers haven't been hesitant.

For all who attended the Spring conference in Saratoga Springs, I trust you found it as informative and enjoyable as I did. Now we can look forward to the Fall conference Oct. 24, New Hartford, NY.

Our next big adventure in the National SGNA Annual Course in St. Louis that starts May 15<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who has not attended at least one national convention should plan on doing so at least once in their GI career. It is an amazing opportunity to learn, network, see new equipment first hand from vendors, offer insight and experience to new attendees and enjoy different venues. There are scholarships available to help

with expenses through CNYSGNA. Go to our website to see what is involved. Attending the National Course is a fabulous way to get enthused about GI endoscopy.

Our own Mary Anne Malone has been nominated for the "Distinguished Service Award" and at the National Conference will be so honored. She has held office at the Regional level, including the position of President several times and currently is on the Practice Committee at the National level. This is a well deserved honor for Mary Anne and we congratulate her on her award. She has devoted a lot of time in service to her field of nursing and we all have benefited from it.

Enjoy the good weather and see you in the fall.

Mary Ellen Barrett, Pres.,  
CNYSGNA

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**Membership: 144**

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**Fall EDUCATIONAL MEETING**

**A Bountiful Education**

**OCTOBER 23-24, 2009  
New Hartford, NY**

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**Congratulations to MaryAnne Malone on SGNA's Distinguished Service Award 2009**  
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**Editor's Note:**  
This letter will only cover a few items. Per a question from a GI

nurse on magnet placement and cautery in the GI Dept. we have a Policy from Dr. Barbara Zittel, from the State Board of Nursing. I have attached the letter to this newsletter. Those of you who have given us your email address, you will be receiving a newsletter via the computer.

Dr. Zittel is concerned about nurses and patients safety regarding cautery and magnet placement. Following two meetings with her as your NOLF rep, and two conference calls, the following items have been answered. Dr. Zittel wants the department prepared for a patient with an AICD/pacemaker. Have the information of what company and what device patient has. Notify cardiology. If you do not have cardiology available, and the gastroenterologist is not willing to verify the device is working following cautery, the patient should be done in a setting that this can be offered.

I have been requested to only put my hospital policy on our website if you are looking for a sample, look there. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> version, so it will still be changed to include the inpatient piece but it might give you something to start with. Patient is to be cardiac monitored during procedure. Ellis will have a yearly competency. Physician orders will have a line that says nurse may place magnet if cautery is needed. Following cautery, the device needs to be interrogated, and have a statement that says the device is working and patient can safely be discharged. (this also is on our website with the online copy of our newsletter.

Dr. Zittel feels it is inappropriate delegation for vendors to decide patient is fine to go home.

Dr. Zittel feels physician should write "patient is fine, pacemaker/AICD functioning and may be discharged." She does not want the RN sued. Vendor is not an employee of the hospital or licensed, has no job description. We do not know their background.

She suggests putting your policy through your lawyers. Vendor can check device if physician/PA/NP is willing to accept unlicensed/non employee vendors decision and willing to write patient may be discharged. Device working.

Please pass this on to all your GI nurse friends. This is for all of New York State.

2. The National Meeting in St. Louis was full of great information. I hope to have a note on one of the classes next newsletter.

3. I am looking for some articles for the newsletter. Please consider submitting.

4. This year, nurse.com is offering all of their past Continuing Education Units once again-- all of them for free! These units can be taken through December 31st, 2009. Click on the name of the course (or courses) you'd like to take to begin the unit.

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Some other websites:  
[campaignfornursing.com](http://campaignfornursing.com)

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5. Next newsletter will be online at our website. Fill out online form on our website. Very easy to do. WE NEED YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS. [www.Cnysgna.org](http://www.Cnysgna.org)

6. Try [www.SedationFacts.org](http://www.SedationFacts.org) All members can get a free contact hour from this site. See your SGNA.org home page. Free online resource.

The Fall Conference sounds great. Barbara Schwant, BSN, RN, CGRN

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#### **DATES:**

**June 9 Capital district dinner meeting.** Updates in Esophageal Cancer with focus on Therapeutic Treatment Options

Ravenswood Restaurant, 6 PM.by Cook Medical, sign up by June 4  
RSVP to Al Tilbe 518-727-8100

Ravenswood address: 1021 Route 146 Clifton Park, NY 518-371-8771

#### **Fall Educational Meeting**

October 23-24, 2009 A Bountiful Education, New Hartford, NY

#### **2010 SGNA Annual Course**

Expanding our Horizon's

April 30 - May 5, 2010 Orlando, FL

Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel

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Check out Central NY's website: [www.cnysgna.org](http://www.cnysgna.org)

#### **Fall Meeting:**

Oct. 23 7 PM Enhancing the Endoscopy experience. Followed by musical/comedy show.

Oct. 24: Topics:

Scope protection and repair by Olympus;

IBD by Dr. Brett Gandhi;

Pathophysiology and microbiology by a specialist from Centrex Labs;

HALO Therapy by Barxx;

Nutrition and IBD by Evelyn Mariani, RD;

Intestinal Cancer statistics and updates by Peter Cittadino,

American Cancer Society;

Celiac Disease by Dr. Qualia.

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