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Central New York Society of
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President's Message:

Hello and Happy New Year CNYSGNA members, My name is Kathy Dorsey and I am your new president. I joined SGNA 5 years ago, just prior to starting as a staff nurse in the Endoscopy department. I wanted to see what was offered to help me in my new role. Prior to starting in the department I took the GI Technical Specialist program which did give me some great insight. Since then I became a CGRN and have been to multiple CNYSGNA conferences. This past fall I actually hosted the conference with my ex coworkers. I found hosting the conference to be a very rewarding experience. Not only do you get to choose the date of the conference and the venue; you also get to pick all of the speakers. This allows you to hear about topics that are important to you. This past May I attended the national conference in Austin, Texas and plan to attend the next conference in Nashville, Tennessee this May. If you get the

opportunity I encourage you attend at least one national conference it is an amazing experience.

My wish this year is that we get more involvement from our members with hosting conferences and getting involved in the board. I have found that nursing societies as a whole are like Sunday School; everyone wants the teachers but very few volunteer. Time spent in either is very minimal. Board and member meetings are held twice a year at the conferences.

Conference time varies, but can be limited especially if you have a great team working together.

I am currently working with Boston Scientific on a dinner and education hour hopefully this will occur in February. I will send out information as soon as it is available.

Effective this year SGNA nurses and associates day has been turned into a whole week.

I look forward to working with you over the next year. I am available by phone or email if you have questions. 518-423-2465, kmdorsey@nycap.rr.com or kathdorsey11@gmail.com

Our continued membership and involvement allows us to stay on top of the changes in the GI world as well as the products.

Respectfully,
Kathy Dorsey

**Editor's Note:
Happy New Year.**

First, if you are planning on going to National, apply for a scholarship from CNY. Deadline is Jan. 31. Check cnysgna.org Note there are regional and national scholarships. Apply for the correct one. National meetings are full of education, mentorship, networking and great friendships. Look at

cnysgna.org for the actual topics and speakers in Nashville. There are great vendor programs.

Have attached information on the CNY Spring meeting which will be held April 4-5, 2014 in Saratoga Springs. Mark your calendar. It should be great. Note that two speakers will be on Friday night.

Special thanks to Kathy Dorsey and her committee for the great Fall meeting in Troy. Great speakers, networking and food. And Kathy did this while changing jobs and working on her Masters. KUDOS.

I noticed that many people haven't paid membership dues. Please maintain your membership. The information that you receive in a specialty area is crucial. Dues are being collected now. Thank you for your continued support.

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DATES:

Jan. 31, 2014: Application due for National Conference in Nashville from CNYSGNA. See cnysgna.org or contact Terry Markiewicz, Education Chair

Spring Educational Conference :

What's Cooking in GI

April 4-5, 2014

Saratoga Holiday Inn

www.saratogahi.com

Rate: \$119/single or dbl

Code SGN by March 14, 2014

8.5 contact hours applied

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3rd Annual Gastroenterology & Hepatology Symposium.

Cleveland Clinic Florida
February 13 – 15, 2014 at the Harbor Beach Marriott Resort & Spa in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. **On February 13, 2013, a course just for Gastroenterology Nurses & Allied Associates is planned.**
www.clevelandclinicfloridacme.org/

**SGNA 41th Annual Course:
May 2-6, 2014 Nashville, TN.**

Visit www.SGNA.org to learn more. New agenda. Course is Sunday thru Tues in 2014.

Certification Exam:

Registration window: Jan. 1 thru Feb. 28, 2014

Exam window: May 1 to May 31, 2014

www.Abcgn.org

Editor note continued:

Results of the Job Tech Duty questionnaire is also in this feature. Only a few hospitals participated, but have also included the actual questionnaire, in case you would like to be included. Just email it back to me.

Please note that the questionnaire is two pages. Results on the second page, with questions on the first page. There were 7 units. **Page 5.** Also, have included a few contact hour links that have been sent out from National. Many of these are free, gi specific and great learning experiences.

Note the results of the Fall elections. Still looking for committee members. Let the President or Board know that you are interested.

Congratulations to Cathy Bolton on her recent retirement from Glens Falls Hospital. Cathy will be remaining active, as she is your next President-elect.

Looking forward to “Growing in GI this year”. Let me know if there is subject that you would like to hear about. Or submit an article and get points toward a scholarship. See cnysgna.org for information on this.

Don’t forget to plan your Colon Cancer Awareness Day and GI Nurses week in March. If you need some incentive, listen to Wade Hayes on website www.sgna.org He will be singing it at National, a two year cancer survivor of Stage 4 colon cancer.

<http://youtu.be/H1KrnP67Ny0>

Also, continue to check our website and SGNA website for updates. SGNA has Position Statements. Infection Control information. Check out ScreeningSaves.org to help spread Colon cancer awareness. SGNA has an entire page of suggestions for colon cancer awareness. Has anyone sponsored a gathering for their survivors?

March 25, SGNA will have a special webcast for GI Nurses week. 6 PM, CST.

There is a lot going on. Get involved. Let me hear from you.

See you in Saratoga.

Barbara Schwant, BSN, RN,
CGRN

FALL ELECTIONS:

The results of the **Fall 2013 elections** are in! These were announced at the Business Meeting, which immediately followed that great fall conference in Troy. Effective January 1, 2014, President-elect is Cathy Bolton, Secretary is Juanita Aikens-English; Budget & Finance Chair is Winefred Akangbou, and Education Chair is me. Also effective January 1, Kathy Dorsey will assume the role of President, and Jackie Sciola will move to Immediate Past-President.

Thank you to everyone who agreed to run for office, and also to everyone who voted in this election!

Terry Markiewicz
2013 Immediate Past-President

The CNYSGNA Spring 2014 conference is being planned by nurses from Ellis Medicine’s Bruggeman Endoscopy Center. We have some great speakers and topics lined up! It will be held April 4 & 5 in beautiful Saratoga Springs! Please visit the CNYSGNA website (www.cnysgna.org) for additional information, and mark your calendars!

Farewell Note:

Thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Regional President. I can’t believe how fast the year went by. It seems like I just took office and began “learning the ropes” from Terry (thank you for all your patience) and then it was time to turn the position over to Kathy Dorsey. I had the pleasure of meeting and working with great people from our regional society. I hope that I may have the opportunity to serve

you again in the future. I am grateful to have had this opportunity. I look forward to seeing you at future regional conferences.
Sincerely,
Jackie Sciola, RN, BSN, CGRN

2014 Spring Meeting

April 4: 7PM Conmed presentation.
8PM Communication Tips and Skills for Working with Older Adults and Cognitively Impaired Persons Relative to GI Issues.
April 5
7:45: Dr. Wava Truscott: C Diff in 2014.
9:15 Christine Cooley: You Are What You Eat.
10:15-10:45: Break/Vendors
10:45: Dr. Truscott: Have Bugs, Will Travel.
1:00 Dr. A Khan: Bronchoscopy Technology
2:00 Dr. DeFrancisco: TBA
3:15 Dr. Elsa Goldstein: Everything You Want to Know About Hemorrhoids.
4:15 CNY Business Meeting

Tentative schedule, may have changes.

Education:

SGNA Product Spotlight: IBD eLearning Modules I and II offer free contact hours to members!
<http://ow.ly/qtNRx>

SGNA learning Center:
e.learn.com

Healthcare providers can now access a **free continuing education** (CME, CE) activity titled "Unsafe Injection Practices: Outbreaks, Incidents, and Root Causes" through Medscape, an

accredited CME/CE/CPE education provider.
<https://login.medscape.com/login/so/getlogin?urlCache=aHR0cDovL3d3dy5tZWZyY2FwZS5vcmcvdmll2FydGljbGUvNzQ1Njk1&ac=401>

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From SGNA emails:
How do you reassure patients that colonoscopy prep isn't as bad as they think? <http://ow.ly/rG1sw>

10 ways you can protect patients. <http://ow.ly/q1518>

Infection Control:
www.professionals.site.apic.org

Great to see SGNA resources being picked up by Infection Control Today, especially during Infection Prevention Week!
<http://ow.ly/qbgJL>

From the most recent GNJ:
"Endoscopic Management of Ingested Foreign Bodies and Food Impactions." SGNA members can read the full article: <http://ow.ly/qiGYq>

Did you see recall :
PENTAX Gas/ Water Valves, model OF-B194

New article from [Medscape](http://www.Medscape) shows that fecal transplant could be the most cost effective and best

approach to treating recurrent c-diff. <http://ow.ly/qI4Qu>

Not Just a Pooping Disease: 10 Things You Didn't Know About Inflammatory Bowel Disease
huffingtonpost.com

Current Colon Cancer Screening Guidelines Might Miss Some Patients
consumer.healthday.com

Rest in Peace:

Letting you know that Mike Malone, husband of the deceased MaryAnne Malone, died in Nov. Mike and MaryAnne spent many years supporting Central NY SGNA before moving to the South. MaryAnne was President for three terms. Mike helped us set up at regional meetings and National Regional night. He was a friend to many of us. May they both rest in peace.

Doris Barnie passed away Jan. 22, 2014. From NJ-SGNA: [Doris Barnie RN MSN CGRN - Executive Board Member Emeritus](#)
Doris to most is known as one of the Godmothers of Gastroenterology nursing. Doris served 43 years as nurse manager in Endoscopy/ Gastroenterology. She is the founder and Past President of the national Nurses Certification Board. She developed and presented the GI Nurses certification review course nationally. She has authored numerous articles and lectured extensively nationally. She is a recipient of the Gabrielle Schindler Award, SGNA Distinguished Service Award, NJDOH award for nursing and nominee for the

Governor's Award for Nursing. We are so proud to have Doris as a member of our region and look to her as a mentor and inspiration

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Job Tech Duty Questionnaire

Would you share your unit's use of techs? Please provide the name of your unit so I don't count a unit more than once. I will present the information in the next newsletter.							
Name of unit:	A (1)	B	C (2)	D	E	F	G
State	NY	NY	NY	NY	NY	MASS	NY
Number of procedures/day	30-50	10 -14	6 - 20	25	29	20	25-40
Number of RN's:	13/2	8	12 (9/day)	8	16	8	14
Number of techs:	5	0	2	5	4.5	3	3
Are techs LPN's:	4/5	0	0	3/5	0	2/3	0
Tech work in recovery area? (assist patients, get drinks, help dress, transport, vitals?)	tran,linen	All Registered Nurses	transport	rarely	yes- all	yes	yes
Tech clean scopes?	cert.scope tech		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
How many tech scope cleaners/day?	1		2	1	2	1	2
Tech assisting in procedure rooms?	yes		no	yes	0	1	no
Tech transporting patient to room?	usually		no	yes	colons	no	yes
Assisting to attach monitor?	usually		no	yes	rarely	no	yes
Assisting with procedure?	yes		no	yes	no	yes	no
Holding scope? Yes/no does abdominal pressure? Yes/no	yes/yes		no	yes/yes	no	no/yes	no/no
Biopsies?	yes		no	yes	no	yes	no
Polypectomy snares?	yes		no	yes	no	yes	no
Papillotomy?	yes		no	yes	no	yes	no
Saline injections?	no		no	yes	no	yes	no
Schlerotherapy?	no		no	yes	no	don't do	no
Dilatation? Balloon? Maloney? Circle which.	no		no	both	no	all	no
Tech assist with ERCP?	yes		no	yes	no	yes	no
Tech assist with bronchoscopy?	n/a		no	yes	no	yes	no
Tech apply resolution clips?	yes		no	yes	no	yes	no
Tech deploy Wall Stents?	yes		no	yes	no	yes/rep	no
Tech manage biliary stone extractors?	yes		no	yes	no	yes	no
Tech clean procedure room, flush scope, set up for next case?	yes		no	yes	yes-all	yes	rare
Tech does oncall? Circle: nights weekends	weekend / holiday	no	n/w LPN's	weekend	night/week	no	
Tech take SGNA tech course? Yes/no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	no	
Tech have any special classes besides unit orientation?	no		CSR cert	no	no	no	no
Do you have nurse educator?	no	---	no	no	no	yes	no
Please list any other job duties the tech may be doing.							
May I contact you with questions? Name and email or telephone:							
(1) Considering eliminating the tech role, and only having RNs. All RNs would ensure that everyone could be functioning the same and competencies would be better maintained. Tech/nurses fill in for certified tech. Has one certified scope cleaning tech. LPN's are tech in rooms.							
(2) One tech cleans 7-10:30, other cleans 10:30-6. Also assemble chart, order supplies.							
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