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CNY SGNA Newsletter

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

President's Message:



Happy New Year to all, I hope everyone is staying safe now that winter has decided to show up this year. I wanted to take this opportunity to say how honored I am to be serving as CNYSGNA President for 2017, and to thank Laura Pfeifer for serving as our President in 2016. Laura has been an invaluable resource. As I am new to most of you I have been an RN since 1984, most of my career has been in some aspect of specialty nursing with the past 10 years focused on Endoscopy. I currently work at the Stratton VA Medical Center in Albany but started my GI career at St. Mary's Hospital in

Troy. I obtained my GI certification in 2012, have been involved in the planning of 2 regional conferences, and did a short presentation on use of CO2 at one regional conference. I have attended 1 National conference and am looking forward to attending this year's conference in New Orleans, where I will represent region 37 at House of Delegates. I would like to congratulate members from St. Peters Health Partners (SPHP): St. Mary's Campus and Glens Falls Endoscopy Units on being invited to present Poster presentations at National Conference this year. Continuing education and networking among our peers is how we "Invest in yourself and Inspire Others.". I would also like to congratulate all who obtained their CGRN this past year.

Remember March is colon cancer awareness month, with March 20-24 being GI Nurses week. Regional conference being held March 24-25 at Saratoga Casino & Hotel, this is a great way to get co-workers to see what CNYSGNA is all about and hopefully become members. SPHP is hosting Fall 2017 conference September 23 at Clifton Park Hilton Garden.

We are looking for volunteers to host Spring 2018 regional conference.

Pamela Doble RN CGRN

2017 CNYSGNA Spring Conference: Go All IN!

Friday, March 24 & March 25th

Saratoga Casino & Hotel
800-727-2990
Saratogacasinocom/hotel
DEADLINE is March 15, 2017
Program questions: 518-926-6231

MEMBERSHIP: 52

Editor's Note:

Come join CNYSGNA for GI Nurses and Associates week. The conference is on March 24-25th. Looks like great speakers. Topics include: Complications of ERCP, POEM, Mgt. of Peptic Ulcer Bleeding, Shared Governance in the Endoscopy Suite: Power to the Clinical RN and ERCP Scope Infection Control. 5 Contact Hours applied for. (Friday program is 1 contact hour.)(Event Full.)

This will be the only CNY conference this year. The Board and vote by the members decided to have just one conference per year. Having trouble finding groups to sponsor a conference is the main reason. There will be a conference put on by St. Peter's Health Partners, in Albany, in September.

Please consider sponsoring a conference. It is hard work. But you don't have to drive far, you get to pick the topics,, and showcase your facility. It does not have to be at a hotel. May be much cheaper at your facility. Two hospitals or free standing Endoscopy units in same area could team up, and share the work. There are many former program committees that are willing to help you.

Or get involved on one of the Committees of CNY.

Also, please remember **March is Colon Cancer Awareness month.** The State of NY has put some great ads out there to promote screening. But, has each facility promoted it? Hoping that you have. Bring pictures or pages showing what you did, to Saratoga meeting.

CNYSGNA, along with Ellis Medicine and Saratoga Schenectady Associates contributed \$600 to the Colon Cancer Alliance with the money we made from the tie-dye shirts. Thank you.



Barbara Schwant, BSN, RN, CGRN

Save The Date:

**St. Peter's Health Partners Fall GI Nursing Conference
Saturday, September 23, 2017**

**SGNA 44th Annual Course:
Invest in Yourself, Inspire Others
May 7-9, 2017**

Visit www.SGNA.org

Certification Exam:
Exam window: May 1-31st, 2017.
Registration window: June 1 thru July 31, 2017.
Fall Exam window : October 1 thru 31st, 2017.
Recertification deadline for 2017 is Dec 31, 2017

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