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October 2005
President's Letter

Kids are back in school, mornings are brisk, the sun sets earlier, the leaves are starting to fall, and our calendars seem busier than ever. All signs that another summer has come and gone and it's time to think of what we would like to accomplish this coming year. Have you been putting off something that you would like to do, but couldn't make time for it? Maybe you are trying to start with a task that is too big and would be better broken into steps that are more achievable. Try writing down on the calendar each week or month one step or goal that you would like to achieve. When you accomplish it, check it off and take pride in your success.

Many GI nurses would like to continue learning and earn certification as a way to enhance their career and demonstrate a commitment to their patients. Many of us went into nursing so that we could help others get better. It is such a boost to your esteem to become certified and that lift happens again each time you tell your patient or a new colleague that you are certified.

Recently, a JCAHO surveyor came to our GI Unit. One of the first questions she asked was, "Are you certified?" Then she asked, "Are you a member of the GI organization?" I was very proud to tell her yes to both questions, and she seemed to suddenly soften her line of questioning and proceed with more of a conversational tone than the usual manner. She even commented that the nursing documentation was very thorough.

If your goal is to attend more GI conferences, we have some great ones coming up. If your goal is to become certified, start now with achievable steps: buy the core curriculum; read a chapter each week; question colleagues about topics that you are unfamiliar with to help you learn by different venues: reading, discussion, etc. If someone else in your unit is also preparing to take the exam, challenge and support each other by setting mutual goals to read chapters, then check with each other. Treat yourselves to a night at the movies or dinner out after reading a section.

Accomplishing your goal feels great. Even if your goal is not certification, but some other career or personal goal, take time for yourself this fall and coming year. Some other wonderful achievements that friends have recently done include trips abroad, marathons, hiking the Grand Canyon, family reunions, and starting a teaching career full time. Whatever you choose to do, enjoy the fruits of your labor! It's wonderful to take on challenges and expand your mind. Learning is never wasted. I wish you all a fantastic year!

Sincerely,
Katie Snyder
NESGNA President



NESGNA 2006 Nominations and Elections

Position- Treasurer

Candidate- Deb Gates BSN, MBA©, CGRN (Deb is the current NESGNA treasurer)

Credentials- Clinical Manager Quincy Medical Center

Position- President-Elect

Candidate- Jane Harker CGRN, MS, ACLS (Jane is a current NESGNA Board Member)

Credentials- Advanced Nurse Clinician Mass General Hospital

National and regional speaker- EUS and ERCP

Development of the DAVE project (Digital Atlas of Video education)

Faculty- Live EUS Course 2005

Position- Board Member

Candidate- Joyce Aspell BSN, CGRN, ACLS, CNOR

Credentials- Staff RN, Metro-West Medical Center

Position- Board Member

Candidate- Christopher Robbins CGRN

Credentials- Staff RN, Mass General Hospital

National and Regional speaker- EUS

Development of the DAVE Project.

Faculty- Live EUS Course 2005

These candidates are uncontested. There will be a vote by show of hands at the Nov 15th dinner meeting for acceptance of these candidates into their positions.

Congratulations to you all! We are looking forward to another great year.

Scholarships

For all NESGNA members. Please return the enclosed form to be eligible to win one of three \$ 400.00 scholarships to the 2006 National Course in San Antonio Texas. Scholarships will be announced at the January 21st 2006 Saturday mtg.

What a great opportunity!!

You Can Win!

You Can Win One of Three NESGNA Scholarships For The
SGNA 33rd Annual Course in San Antonio, Texas
May 19-24, 2006

SGNA on a Mission: Exceeding Expectations

NESGNA is offering (3) \$400. Scholarships to Members Attending the 33rd Annual Course.

One scholarship is for newer members who joined in 2004, 2005, or this year.

One scholarship is for members who have been with us since at least 2003 (1976-2003).

One scholarship is for all members and will be drawn after combining both groups of remaining applications. So, everyone has 2 chances to win!

Please complete:

Name _____

Street _____

Town, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Joined SGNA (NESGNA): 1976-2003 2004-2006

SGNA Membership # _____

Mail to:
Debbie Gates
15 Marion Ave
Norwood, MA 02026

Or Fax to:
Kim Foley
781-756-2964
(include fax cover letter)

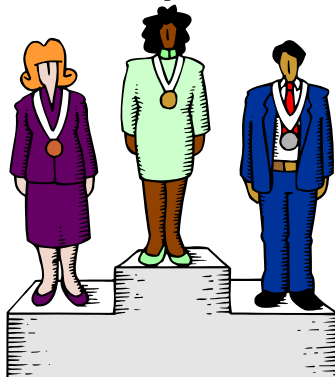
Or E-Mail to:
kimfoley_nesgna@yahoo.com

Drawing will be on January 21st at the NESGNA Annual Winter Conference.

You do not need to be present to win.

Scholarships will be given to winners in San Antonio at the NESGNA Get-Together on 5/20.

Restrictions: Current NESGNA board member, previous scholarship winner, or any NESGNA member who is already reimbursed by their employer for this amount, please refrain from applying.



To Members only:

In the past, the New England SGNA board had made a decision to send out this regional newsletter to former NESGNA members as well as current members. Beginning this fall, our sponsorship for the newsletter has regrettably been cut from the sponsor's budget. With that news, we have decided to decrease or mailings to NESGNA members only.

The NESGNA has the largest membership in the country with over 355 members this year! That is terrific. We are a very active region. Join the SGNA for all it has to offer. Membership has so many benefits such as Regional and National Newsletters, the Nursing Journal, discounts on courses and merchandise, and scholarships.

PEA- Precision Endoscopy has sponsored our newsletter in the past. We are very appreciative of all of their support. Thank You PEA!

Educational Offerings by NESGNA and other regional opportunities:

2005 NESGNA Meeting Dates at the Burlington Marriott:

- November 15, dinner (& business) conference
- Registration form included in this newsletter and can also be found on the website: www.nesgna.org (please tell friends)

2005 NESGNA SIG Meeting Date and Location:

- October 18, 6pm at Winchester Hospital. NESGNA contact: Kim Foley at (W) 781-756-2207 or kimberly.foley@comcast.net
- Future dates/sites to be determined. Please consider hosting a meeting by calling any board member to discuss.

2005 EUS- Endoscopic Ultrasound- Live Course.

November 13-15th at Fairmount Copley Plaza
Register on line www.cme.hms.harvard.edu
CEU's Pending

Nov 19th Boston Scientific Annual Conference in Providence, RI. Please contact your Boston Scientific representative for details.

October 21-22 CTSGNA Foxwoods Resort Casino in Ledyard, CT
Please contact Lori Lofstrom at 860-242-0079 or lelofstrom@comcast.net

SAVE THESE DATES:

2006 NESGNA Meeting Dates at the Burlington Marriott:

January 21, 2006- Saturday 7am-12pm

April 1, 2006- Saturday 7am-12pm

September 16, 2006- Saturday 7am-12pm

November 14, 2006- Evening Business/ Educational Dinner

2006 Multiregional Conference: Oct 13-15 @ Killington, VT (w/cert.test)

Congratulations to the following newly certified CGRN's !!!!!

Rachelle Baer, Newton, MA
Elaine Bodick, Seekonk, MA
Beth Borlase, Dover, MA
Bernadine Cooper, Granby, MA
Robin Dann, Rutland, MA
Nancy Doraiswami, Belmont, MA
Joann Dunn, Rutland, MA
Laurie Esau, Abington, MA
Ellen Jane Gil, Wilbraham, MA
Paula Hammond, Effingham, NH
Janet Hargreaves, Derry, NH
Pauline Hurley, Dover, NH
Nancy LaBrie, Longmeadow, MA
Mary Elizabeth McAuley, Quincy, MA
Deborah Methot, South Hadley, MA

Patricia Newell, Forestdale, MA
Susan Patnaude, North Andover, MA
Ardyce Pelton, Madbury, NH
Michele Penna, Marlborough, NH
Gale Putman, Newton, NH
Mary Rand, Rochester, NH
Deborah Rowe-Cherson, W.Roxbury, MA
Patricia Rumson-Cooper, Duxbury, MA
Michelle Sacovitch, Lancaster, MA
Jennifer Schwartz, New Castle, NH
Kathy Slatt, Hanover, MA
Nancy Tompkins, Greenland, NH
Lisa Valley Shah, Burlington, MA
Ann Ward, Springfield, MA

The NESGNA \$100 scholarship was awarded to 22 RN's that were members when they took the test. For those that have enjoyed the benefits of being a member for many years, please encourage your friends and co-workers to sign up for SGNA membership before registering to take the exam. In addition to discounts for the exam and for conferences, they are able to purchase the Core Curriculum for half the price of a non-member. They also receive the Gastroenterology Nursing Journal filled with educational articles that could help them on the exam.

Congratulations also to the following recertified CGRN's !!!!!

Jeannine Murphy, Hingham, MA

Doreen Weiss, Litchfield, NH

The NESGNA \$100 scholarship was also awarded to members who recertified. You are all part of the reason why the northeast is *THE* place to come for GI Nursing Care!

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