

New England Region 28

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NESGNA President's Letter



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Hello,

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer. Some of us would say the weather was great. Some of us would say "What summer? Not hot enough." To all who grew tomatoes this year you may agree with the latter, they were late. The best laid plans.....

I have actually been thinking about plans, planning, strategies, the future. While at the National meeting this past May in Dallas, I attended a meeting and heard about strategic planning for the SGNA. I read an article written in the May Gastroenterology Nursing Journal about the strategic plan for our Journal's future. Most of what I recall (of course you know that the recall isn't what it used to be) is about goals. Timed, thought out, realistic goals. I would like to adopt this concept for our region to make it even more dynamic. What would we like to see in our future? An ERCP hands on Workshop? A certification prep course every year? 75% of our membership voting in the National Elections? Community Education? The board will be talking of all these things in the next few months. If you have an idea, please share with us.

Even though the tomatoes didn't quite get on my table when I thought they would, I knew if I was patient, I would have the great pleasure of biting into one of my own summer tomatoes. My family and neighbors enjoyed them too. Most often it takes planning and patience to get where we are going. The vision is the first step...

Linda Allen CGRN
President NESGNA

Please remember to vote
in the upcoming elections:
Kim Foley is running for
President Elect
Sandy Hession is running for
Secretary
Linda Corey is running for
Board member
Joyce Aspell is running for
Board member
Carol McAlvin is running for
Board member



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Home, Home on the Range...Dallas Highlights, Happy Hour, and just Having Fun!



NESGNA Get-together at the Ratskeller Sports Bar Who was that Cowgirl???



Regional Night: New England Champions

Walk for Research fund raiser

***Congratulations to Elizabeth Mackelkin, RN, CGRN, from NH
For earning one of the 2003 Top Ten Certification Exam Scorers***

Coming in the Spring of 2005 the Associates Online Education Program.

This exciting course is presently in development by SGNA's Education Committee. Consisting of eight modules, it will cover several areas such as patient care, the associate role and responsibilities, emergency preparedness, anatomy, reprocessing, equipment overview and safety in the workplace. Upon successful completion of all eight modules and posttests, the associate will receive a certificate, the title of a GI Technical Specialist (GTS) and pin. Pricing will be determined and announced with the program launch. There is no prerequisite requirement for minimum hours/years worked to be eligible. Look for upcoming information in the E-Scope and SGNA national newsletter.



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2004 Meeting Dates at the Burlington Marriott

Saturday, September 25- ½ day program:

- *Terri Vos: *What's new in ERCP*
- *Dr. Muscarella: *Infection Control*
- *Dr. Thompson: *Bariatric Surgery*

Wednesday, November 10- Dinner meeting

- *Dr. Lembo- Irritable Bowel Syndrome

2005 Meeting Dates at the Burlington Marriott

- January 22, ½ day program
 - April 2, ½ day program
 - September 24, ½ day program
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- Please note the change in the schedule for the 2005 conferences.
 - We believe that Burlington is still the easiest location for most members to drive to. But, we would like to ask for your feedback as to the location...would you like us to vary the town or location *for 2006*? Do you have suggestions for reasonably priced hotels or conference centers?
 - Your feedback will be requested on the September 25th Program evaluation form. If you are unable to attend, please feel free to e-mail or call anyone on the board.

More exciting news....

NESGNA will be having a GI Certification Review Course on March 12-13, 2005

The course will be two full days, 7:30-4:30, on Saturday and Sunday and taught by Doris C. Barnie, MSN, RN, CNS, CGRN. 16 CEUs Earned

Lab Management SIG Season Begins....

First Meeting will be Tuesday, September 28th at 6-8pm at Newton Wellesley Hospital sponsored by Boston Scientific. Please join us for a nice dinner and informal meeting. Quincy Hospital will host our next meeting on Wednesday, October 27th and we will have an inservice on Remicade, sponsored by Centicor Pharmacy.

Other dates: January 11, March 9, May 3.

Do you have a conference room at your hospital and would you like to host a SIG meeting? It's easy and fun. If you have a room, we can take care of everything else.

Questions??? Contact Arlene Myers McKim at arldicmcki@aol.com

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