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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Although Michigan has been rainy, it's good to be back from Texas. Almost everyday we would catch snippets of the devastation caused by the violent storms Texas was experiencing. It seemed as if no one was left untouched, our hearts and prayers went out to those who lost loved ones, homes and their livelihood.

The Annual 40th Course in Austin did proceed as planned. President Elect Patti Yonkovit and I represented MSGNA at the House of Delegates. The primary focus of this session was to consider all proposed resolutions then vote on each one. A total of four resolutions were submitted for approval, but only one passed. It was submitted by Kristine Barman BSN RN CGRN, from regional society ENCSGNA. The recommended strategy or outcome stated that....SGNA would develop a format at the annual course for regions to display their successes and education provided to members. The rationale was to also provide the opportunity for networking among regions in addition to displaying their educational success on a poster board. We also were present for the Rechartering Ceremony and I received MSGNA's charter. I will give this document to our Treasurer, Katherine Smith, when the Board meets in the fall. Currently the MSGNA Board is busy preparing for our next conference. This one will be held at the Lexington Hotel in Lansing, September 20-22, 2013. It will be hosted by board member Jenneva Kremke and the endoscopy staff at McLaren Greater Lansing Hospital. Postcards will be mailed out to all members with information about the conference and directing everyone to log on to the MSGNA PATHFINDER for quick and easy registration.

The Annual Course in Texas was by far the best!. Although I enjoyed and learned something from each one, the educational choices at this particular course just seemed to meet my needs. Nursing is an ever changing field and this is a good thing, but it can be challenging. I strongly believe we: RNs, LPNs and GI Associates hold the key, we can make a difference. The field of gastroenterology belongs to us and we have the opportunity to influence it and change it. MSGNA invites you to involved in your organization and to use your talent and skills to make change happen . Please, consider running for a position on the Board. You are MSGNA's future!

Marion Smith RN CGRN
MSGNA President

Hello Everyone!

I just wanted to report that the National Course in Austin TX was a great experience. The program was excellent, the conference center was accommodating and the Texan hospitality was gracious. Everyone was most helpful and accommodating from landing at the airport to getting in the cab to take us for our flight home.

At the conference, we had a informal presentation by 2 nurses from SIGNEA. They spoke about their experiences in the Sudan where they assisted and educated nurses in the field of GI. They spoke about the nurses' enthusiasm to learn and become more proficient with the equipment and facilities that were available. SIGNEA would welcome any outdated equipment and unwanted educational materials (eg. Core curriculums, etc.) that could be passed along to facilities which are lacking almost everything.

Also, as a Canadian, I was invited to the International Nurses Reception where I was able to converse with the SIGNEA nurses and the Canadian SGNA President one on one. The Canadian SGNA President has invited MSGNA members to attend their National Course in the fall. We will post some information as a link on our website. It will be held in Banff on September 26-28, 2013. Next year, it will be within a drivable distance of Michigan.

Attending the National Courses and networking on an international level would not have been possible for me if I did not get involved with the MSGNA and serve on the BOD in several capacities. It has been a rewarding experience to work alongside such dynamic GI nurses. We need more members to run for office to have a REAL election. I did not receive any nominations at all this year so, we as Board members nominated candidates who were will to fill the available posts. According to our bylaws, we must still go through the motions of our electronic election process via our MSGNA website. Please log in and cast your vote, more importantly, nominate a candidate or yourself for the available positions on the Board of Directors next year. Several Board members will be retiring and we need new blood and fresh ideas to keep our organization moving forward.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Lansing in September. Best wishes to you and your families for a safe and happy summer.

Regards, Maria Edwards RN
Immediate Past President

Our own Past President and Board of Director, Lorel Baatenburg RN, was chosen by her facility, St. Marys' Health, for a yearly award for knowledge.

REPRINTED SO MEMBERS CAN REVIEW AND APPROVE AT FALL GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING.
Editor Note.

MSGNA General Business Meeting Minutes February 9th, 2013 Ypsilanti

1. Address and President's report-Marion Smith, RN, CGRN: Welcome, reminders to visit the MSGNA web site. As we are working on being budget conscious, we will use the web site more; for instance, to register and pay for conferences.
2. Past President's report-Maria Edwards, RN:
 - Elections to be held electronically again for 2013
 - Nominations for President Elect and BOD members at large (Policy and Procedures) are due by June 1, 2013
 - Election shall run for the month of August
 - Nominees must respond of their intent to run along with their biographical data by July 1, 2013
 - Results will be announced at the Fall Conference General Business Meeting.
3. Secretary's Report-Mary Catton, RN, BSN, CGRN: MSA Meeting Minutes "MSGNA General Business Meeting Minutes, September 16, 2012" posted in December 2012 issue of the Pathfinder.
4. Treasurer's report-Kathy Smith, RN, BSN, CGRN:
Checking: \$41,044.85
Savings:\$24,511.42
5. President Elect report-Patti Yonkovit, RN, BSN, CGRN: Review of Scholarship and Poster Contest for Fall MSGNA conference.
6. Membership report- Chris Pilcher, RN, CGRN: Current membership is at 304 (88 are certified).
7. Policy/Procedure/Bylaws/COMON report-Jenneva Kremke, RN, BS: There will be a COMON meeting in March, will share information as necessary.
8. Vendor Coordinator report-Ruth Dobberfuhl, RN, BSN: 28 vendors for Spring Conference. Please share your appreciation as they come to your units.
9. Newsletter and Website report-Sheri King, RN, BSN, CGRN:
 - Please send Pathfinder articles by March 1st.
 - GI Nurses and Associates Day is March 27th; send in any pictures or stories you may have, sharing how you celebrated the day.
 - Make sure that your SGNA profile is up to date, with an active email address.
 - Conference information will be placed on website, with the ability to register and pay for the conference online.
 - Outlines and syllabus for conference will be online, and can be printed ahead of time.
10. Program Chair report-Diane Thompson, BA, LPN, CGN:
 - Scholarships for National SGNA meeting are available, \$500-\$1,000.
 - ABCGN-Cook Medical scholarship information for certification
 - If you are retired, can apply for continuation for \$75 and there is a discount for membership.
 - Upcoming conferences:
 - *SGNA 40th Annual Course, Austin, TX, May 17-23, 2013
 - *MSGNA Fall 2013 Conference, Lansing, MI, September 20-22, 2013
 - *21st Annual Multi-Regional SGNA Conf., Louisville, KY, October 18-20, 2013
 - *MSGNA Spring 2014, Date and Time TBA, Sherri King and the endoscopy staff at Henry Ford Hospital-Macomb.

11. Meeting adjourned at 1209.
Respectfully submitted,
Mary Catton, RN, BSN, CGRN
MSGNA Secretary

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What You Need to Know: Media Coverage Regarding Bioburden Levels on Reprocessed Endoscopes

As you may have seen in recent days, a research study related to the rate of bioburden on reprocessed endoscopes has received attention in various media outlets. The study reports that in a national study, 15 percent of endoscopes were found to have unacceptable levels of bioburden after reprocessing.

SGNA promotes an adherence to stringent standards and guidelines regarding the cleaning, high-level disinfecting and infection control practices centering on endoscopic instruments and accessories.

SGNA wants to ensure that you are able to address your unit's reprocessing standards adherence as well as any questions you may receive from patients or others.

1. Be Sure Your Unit is Following Safety and Reprocessing Guidelines

- Please remember to follow the manufacturer's safety and reprocessing instructions, and don't hesitate to contact your manufacturer's representative for any questions related to equipment reprocessing.
- Reference [SGNA's various reprocessing and infection prevention guidelines.](#)

2. Consider Subscribing to SGNA's [Infection Prevention Champions Program](#)

SGNA recently introduced the [Infection Prevention Champions Program and toolkit](#) as an opportunity for GI/endoscopy units to **move to the forefront of infection prevention and ensure the best in patient care.** Learn more and consider subscribing to this important program.

3. Visit SGNA's [Infection Prevention Website](#)

SGNA's Infection Prevention website, www.sgna.org/InfectionPrevention, offers a full spectrum of infection prevention resources, including:

- Professional Society Guidelines
- Tools
- Educational Resources
- Manufacturer Guidelines
- And More

4. Handling Questions from Your Patients

You may get questions from patients asking about the safety of their endoscopic procedure. SGNA has drafted a [list of talking points](#) to use with your patients to assure them of the safety of the procedure.

As always, SGNA is committed to setting the highest-quality standards for gastrointestinal endoscopy through safety guidelines and the training of our members so that patients receive the best and safest care possible.

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Madame President Marion Smith RN and President-Elect Patti Yonkovit At the SGNA Rechartering Ceremony





Marion Smith MSGNA President with our Rechartering Certificate



Marion Smith and Patti Yonkovit with the Rechartering Certificate



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SAVE THE DATE

21st MULTI-REGIONAL SGNA MEETING

OCTOBER 18, 19, 20 2013

GALT HOUSE HOTEL, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY



MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND JOIN YOUR GI COLLEAGUES FOR AN EDUCATIONAL AND ENTERTAINING WEEK-END

**Networking
GI Education
CE's
Door prizes
Food
Great location
Relaxation
Vendors**

Nearby Attractions

- KFC Yum Center - 0.1 mi
- Riverfront Plaza Belvedere - 0.1 mi
- Belle of Louisville - 0.1 mi
- Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts - 0.2 mi
- Muhammed Ali Center - 0.2 mi
- Kentucky International Convention Center - 0.3 mi

- Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft - 0.3 mi
- Fourth Street Live - 0.3 mi
- Louisville Waterfront Park - 0.9 mi

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MSGNA POSTER CONTEST

The poster contest will take place at the Fall Educational Course. The prize may be awarded for 1st Place. The following criteria must be met or the poster will be disqualified:

- MSGNA members in good standing for 1 year prior to display date are eligible to participate, current officers and board members excluded.
- The poster shall have a Research, Educational, or Clinical theme and must be related to the field of Gastroenterology.
- Posters shall be submitted on a minimum 2' x 4' up to 4' x 8' background.
- A poster abstract (limit of 250 words) must be made to the MSGNA President Elect by August 1, 2013.

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Judging takes place at the MSGNA Fall Educational Course by three members of MSGNA who are not on the Board of Directors. In the event of a tie, the President-elect will select one other impartial person to act as a tie breaker.

Judging is based on the following criteria:

- Visual appeal, neatness, creativity of presentation, relatedness to GI field, complexity of subject, completeness of research, originality, and conciseness.
- There are 50 possible points awarded (see adjoining page, "poster evaluation point system")
- Posters must have been awarded a minimum of 30 points to be considered to represent MSGNA at the SGNA Annual Course.

The names of entrants will be included on the back of the exhibit only and shall be kept anonymous until the announcement of winners is made.

The winner will be expected to do the following:

- Send their abstract to SGNA by the due date.
- Transport, set-up and breakdown the poster at the SGNA Annual Course.
- Enlarge the poster to a 4 x 8 foot display.
- Present the treasurer with the letter of acceptance from SGNA to receive the award to attend the Annual Course.
- Attend the SGNA Annual Course. In the event the winner is unable to attend, the monies must be returned to the MSGNA via the current treasurer within 30 days of the SGNA Annual Course.

Monetary awards listed below will be based on the availability of funds:

- Early Bird Registration
- Airfare/Transportation
- Four nights lodging
- Food allowance- \$30.00 a day for up to five days
- 50% of the poster production and shipping costs

Receipts for the above must be submitted to the treasurer within 14 days to receive reimbursement.

If there is more than one author the award will be divided amongst the authors of the winning poster.

Award benefits are subject to change without notice.

Celebrating GI Nurses' Day at Saint Mary's Health Care in Grand Rapids, Michigan

involved more than our Endoscopy Unit this year. Utilizing the theme of "Preventable, Treatable, Beatable" we focused on using the day to inform our fellow employees of the importance of colon cancer screening. We designed a poster that was displayed in the hospital cafeteria and several of us volunteered to sit at the display to offer information and answer questions. Our nutrition services department assisted by providing space in the cafeteria and also by offering samples of vanilla yogurt with fresh strawberries and granola topping. Being there during the three major meal times gave us opportunity to interact with both employees and visitors. We received numerous positive comments through out the day. After such a successful event we wonder how we can top this next year.



The Wonderful group from St Mary's Health Care in Grand Rapids!!

****Please if you have other pictures or stories of how you celebrated "Our Day" share them with us. Send via email to Sheri King at endoqueen2@yahoo.com*

ABCGN has announced recertification fees of \$75 for retired RNs. For details please see ABCGN.org

Calendar of events

MSGNA Fall 2013

Lexington Hotel
Lansing, MI

September 20-22, 2013

Hosted by Jenneva Kremke and the endoscopy staff at McLaren Greater Lansing Hospital

21st Annual SGNA Multi-Regional Conference

Galt House Hotel
Louisville, KY

October 18-20, 2013

A true taste of National Course at a price you can afford!

MSGNA Spring 2014

Somerset Inn
Troy, MI

March 28-29, 2014

Presented by Sheri King and the Henry Ford Macomb Hospital Endoscopy Department

41st SGNA Annual Course

Blending Our Talents, Orchestrating Better Outcomes

May 2-6, 2014

Nashville, Tennessee

22nd Annual SGNA MultiRegional Conference

Radison Kalamazoo
October 2014

MSGNA Spring 2015
TBD

Diane Thompson BA, LPN, CGN, MSGNA Program Chairperson

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**At the Annual SGNA Course Boston Scientific Corporation
announced their new educational videos and product
demonstration videos that are available on UTube. Just search
Boston Scientific!**

SedationFacts: Get the Latest on Your State's Sedation Regulations and Earn Free Contact Hours

Have you visited [SGNA's SedationFacts](#) lately? This comprehensive portion of SGNA's Web site serves as a central repository for endoscopic sedation news, reference materials and guidelines, and a range of information designed to address all aspects of this topic.

Two important reasons to visit [SedationFacts](#) include:

1. Check out the **enhanced section on state sedation administration regulations and standards**. Make sure you are up to date on the regulations and standards for your state. This section includes information from the State Nursing Board, State Medical Board and legislative bodies on each state page, and you'll also find reliable links for additional state-specific resources.
2. **Earn 2.25 free contact hours!** Further your knowledge in sedation by reviewing the [SedationFacts page](#) and complete a short online quiz to earn your free contact hours.

To learn more, visit www.sgna.org/sedationfacts.

The **SGNA Career Center** provides added usability for our job seekers and employers, making it even easier to connect people together. To continue your job search through SGNA, you will need to re-post your resume to the new SGNA Career Center. You can take advantage of functionality including:

- **FREE and confidential resume posting** – Make your resume available to employers in the industry, confidentially if you choose.
- **Access to the National Healthcare Career Network (NHCN)** – NHCN is a growing network of more than 250 healthcare associations and professional organizations.
- **Job search control** – Quickly and easily find relevant industry job listings and sign up for automatic e-mail notification of new jobs that match your criteria.
- **Easy job application** – Apply online and create a password-protected account for managing your job search.
- **Saved jobs capability** – Save up to 100 jobs to a folder in your account so you come back to apply when you are ready.

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