

“The Scope”
OSGNA Newsletter May, 2010

Letter from the President

Hope everyone has had a nice spring; summer is on its way!

I was unable to make it to Orlando this year so I hope all of you that were able to go learned a lot and had a great time.

This is our first newsletter on our updated website. We hope that all of you will be just as excited as we are about the changes. Joan Metze has worked very hard with Erin Cunia to get everything updated. Please make sure we have your updated contact information, especially your email address so that when our website becomes interactive you won't miss out on anything. I sent out a letter to all of our members that we did not have a current email address on. If you received one please update your information by sending it to: info@osgna.org

I am attaching a link to a website that is offering a free contact hour for Ohio nursing law to any of you that are interested, it is <http://www.healthcaretodayonline.com> The Dayton Daily News sponsors this and they change them about every 8 weeks or so.

Our next board meeting is Saturday, June 5, 2010 at the Jeffersonville Outlet Mall food court at 10:00AM. Board meetings are open to all members, so please join us and share your ideas and thoughts. If you are unable to attend but have something to share just send it to us at info@osgna.org and it will be shared with all the board.

I hope you all have a great summer.

Warm regards,

Debbie Vance

Letter from the President -Elect

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Once again we are in the process of filling out the application for the Outstanding Regional Society Award. This is a high honor that is given out by SGNA every year at the National meeting. The application is very detailed and points are awarded in many different areas. The Criteria is:

Percentage of certified members and votes cast in the previous year's national election.

Community and Legislative involvement

Involvement in the House of Delegates and National committees

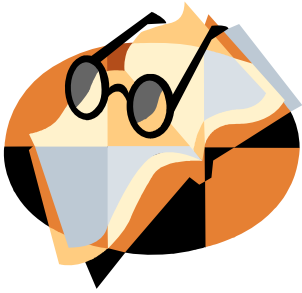
Presented an educational display at the last Annual Course

The regional society promoted GI Nurses and Associates Day

Has a regional Society newsletter

The number of continuing education hours per year

The Regional Society must be chartered and in good standing for a minimum of two years.



We will have CE offerings online for all members free



Remember OSGNA- has gone green. All information will now be online at OSGNA.org

Cont. President -Elect

The board feels that we may have a very good chance of winning in 2011. We have met most of the criteria but here is where we need your help. We need everyone to vote in the elections this year. We will be sending out reminders via email and a phone chain when voting gets closer. Please help us meet this goal. It would be very nice to achieve this and receive the award when the conference is so close to home in Indianapolis. Hopefully many of us will be able to attend the annual conference next year.

If anyone has presented in any regional, multistate or national conference in 2010 please let us know.

If you have done any community activities promoting GI let us know.

If you are on any committees please let us know.

If you did anything special for GI Nurses and Associates Day please let us know.

Thanks for all you do in promoting SGNA, OSGNA and GI nursing

Joan Metze

President Elect

COLON WALK UPDATE

Again this year OSGNA sponsored a Colon Cancer 5KRun/Walk. It took place in April. We had over 230 participants this year. We were able to raise over \$4500.00. This money will again be used by the American Cancer Society Colon Task Force of Cincinnati to spread the word about colon cancer screening.

We did ask participants to come up with a new name for the walk. The one that was chosen is "Strolling for Your Colon".

A date has not been set for next year's walk, but we will put it on the website calendar as soon as it is. We are hoping to also have a walk in Columbus at the same time. How neat if the whole region could walk on the same day.

Last year's money was used to bring Patricia Raymond MD to both Dayton and Cincinnati. She gave a total of four lectures. Two lectures were for physicians and medical personnel and two lectures were for the general public. In all of the lectures her message was the importance of colon cancer screening. If you have never heard her speak and get the opportunity someday to listen to her, please go. She is very entertaining.

Joan Metze

Shirley Flowers, RN, BSN, CGRN

Education Co-Chair / Legislative Liaison

The annual SGNA Education Conference held in Orlando Florida was very well attended with over 1300 participants. The weather was just as we Midwesterners would expect, sunny and warm. Through a series of unforeseen circumstances (isn't that the title of a book?), I had the distinct honor and privilege of representing OSGNA as delegate at the 2010 House of Delegates sessions. Membership input is very important as your delegate my vote represented the consensus of opinion of Region 45 membership. A big thank you to those that took the time to respond to the 7 proposed resolutions that were presented to the House of Delegates. The HOD heard, debated and finally passed 5 of the 7 resolutions presented. The following resolutions were passed and then presented to the SGNA Board for approval; check the last OSGNA *Scope* for the each author's background information, rationale, cost analysis and goal(s) for their resolution.

Passed:

Resolution #2 - SGNA's Practice Committee more clearly states in the *Standards of Infection Control in Reprocessing of Flexible Gastrointestinal Endoscopes* how scopes should be stored with regard to no sponge or padding on the distal tip of the insertion tubes. (from *Debbie Vance, OSGNA!*)

Resolution #3 - SGNA write a position statement stating a specific length of time a scope may hang unused before requiring reprocessing prior to the next patient use. (from *a partnership of regions including OSGNA*)

Resolution #4 - SGNA will provide a quarterly PowerPoint or other form of static content to members with a focus on regional leadership. Potential topics could include: budgeting, marketing, leadership development, contact hours and sponsorship. Contact hours would be included.

Resolution #5 - SGNA develop guidelines on regional Web site best practices.

Resolution #6 - SGNA offers free/nearly free educational offerings with contact hours to its members, online, on a regular basis, i.e. monthly or quarterly.

If you get an opportunity to attend a House of Delegates session, it is really something to see. There is a touch of pomp and circumstance with Roberts Rules of Order in action. Margie Lanza (*past OSGNA President*) with a tap of her gavel opened and closed her final session as SGNA Speaker of the House. Margie's term of office came to an end with this last House of Delegates session. The session was followed by the rechartering ceremony, with all SGNA regions successfully meeting the criteria. Each leader accepted their region's charter and Joan Metzger stepped forward with her acceptance smile for Region 45.

The 2011 SGNA Conference is very close to home next spring, Indianapolis, Indiana! For anyone thinking of taking the ABCGN certification exam on paper - the SGNA National conference is the only site for paper and pencil exams.

The 2010 Multi Regional SGNA Conference hosted by the Chicago region is scheduled for the third weekend in October. The Conference will be held at the Renaissance Convention Center Hotel in Schaumburg Illinois. Look for the conference brochure around the middle of summer.

Thanks Ohio SGNA you rock!

OSGNA NEWSLETTER

REMINDER

The next Board Meeting will be June 5th, 2010. We are meeting at the Jeffersonville Outlet Mall in their Food Court. All are welcome. We encourage all members to try and come. We would like your input.

We are looking for pictures of how you celebrated GI Nurses and Associates Day on your unit. Please send us your pictures so we can put them on the website and send them on to SGNA (jm52699@aol.com). Every year SGNA does a power point presentation using pictures sent in from the different regions at the national course.

A BIG THANK YOU!

I want to take this opportunity to thank Margie Lanza for all she has done not only for OSGNA (president and past president) but SGNA. She has been speaker of the House of Delegates for the past two years and has done a great job. People like Margie make SGNA/ OSGNA a great society.

Future Events:

Board meeting: June 5th at the Jeffersonville Outlet Mall Food court

Oct.16-17: The Multi State meeting in Chicago

Board members appreciate everything the members do for OSGNA/SGNA . We will be looking for a new board member for the 2011-2013.

We are looking for topic ideas to be presented at our next regional meeting in March. Please email us any topics that you would be interested in learning about.

If you have any questions or have any ideas that you would like to express to the board please contact any board member on our website OSGNA.org.

