

OSGNA NEWSLETTER

August, 2010

Letter from the President

Greetings to all,

Postcards were mailed to OSGNA members asking you to update and verify your email address so that you can receive our newsletter and when available, have access to our member's only section of the website. To receive that access you will need a password and to get that password we need your email address. So please make sure we have that information. Send your current information to info@osgna.org.

This is an election year for OSGNA. If you are interested becoming a Board Member or know someone who is, let us know. It is nice to have new people and fresh ideas. I hope you will take the time and consider becoming a part of the board.

If you have any ideas of articles you would like to see in our newsletter or something you would like to see on our website please send your ideas to the email address above and we will see what we can do.

Also, is there something in GI that you are passionate about? We are always looking for our peers to share their knowledge and expertise with us. You could do this by submitting something for our newsletter or presenting the information at our annual educational conference. I know that it can be daunting to step outside your comfort zone but aren't we fortunate that there are some folks that do. I hope that each and every one of you will at least think about it.

I hope you all enjoy our warm weather.

With warm regards,

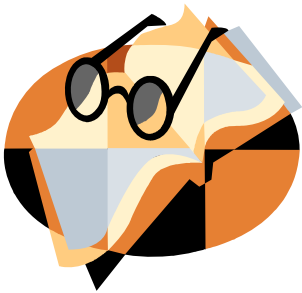
Debbie Vance

Letter from the President -Elect

I don't know how many members are aware that all the educational materials that SGNA offers comes out of the education committee. All information in these materials have had a literature search done and the practices are evidence based.

At the present time the members of the education committee are in the process of looking at a better way of providing educational material for those interested in taking the certification test. At the present time we have the Core Curriculum and the Doris Barnie classes and review book. We are hoping to develop more ways of providing review information to those who are wanting to study for the exam. If you have any ideas please send me an email. Any input would be appreciated.

Joan



We will have CE offerings online for all members free



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

ELECTION OF OSGNA BOARD MEMBERS TO BE HELD THIS FALL 2010

This is an invitation to every single member of OSGNA to run for office. All positions are open (except President and Past President) and is a two year term. There isn't much time left, the ballot will sent to members by October 1, 2010. Please contact me (Kim McNary) through this website if anyone is interested.

The OSGNA Board consists of:

- President
- President Elect
- Past President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Education Co Chair
- Second Education Co Chair
- Legislative
- Website / Newsletter / PR / Historian

Wow, I don't know about the rest of you but time is just flying by. I know a lot of you are busy not only working but getting your children back to school and to their many extra curriculum activities. It is so amazing though that no matter how busy our members are they still find time to get involved with our professional organization, volunteering their time at both the regional and national level. We have members that are involved in SGNA committees, SGNA's House of Delegates and are in SGNA director positions. We have members that are involved in our state legislation. We have members involved in community activities that OSGNA sponsor such as the Colon Cancer Awareness walk. We have members that are on our regional board. Without their dedication we could not be as great an organization as we are. I am so honored to be a part of this.

As I said in the last newsletter we are in the process of applying for the region of the year. If you know of anyone who is active in some way with the organization either regionally or nationally please let us know.

We also want to remind everyone to vote in the upcoming SGNA elections because that counts also.

Sincerely,

Joan

OSGNA President Elect

Shirley Flowers, RN, BSN, CGRN

Education Co-Chair / Legislative Liaison

With the starting of a new school year and cooler evening temperatures, the lazy days of summer seem to have picked up speed and are flying by. The brilliant Fall foliage season is fast approaching as are the dates for the annual Multi-Regional SGNA Education Conference. This year's conference, hosted by the Chicago SGNA Region will be held October 15-17th 2010 at the Schaumburg Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center in Schaumburg, Illinois, just outside of Chicago. The Multi-Regional is comprised of Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois (southern), Chicago, Michigan and Wisconsin SGNA regions. Kim McNary and I are this year's Ohio representatives. The title of this year's conference is *Bridge the Reform of Health Care with Knowledge*. The agenda looks great with several national speakers sharing the program. Conference brochures should be hitting mail boxes by the end of August.

From the Ohio Nursing Summit Conference Call Meeting – August 16th.

Elise Geig from ONA shared that there is still work being done on House Bill 450 dealing with workplace violence.

Jane Mahowald who is on the nursing center of excellence task force (Ohio Network for Nursing Workforce) encourages all to visit the website at www.ohiocenterfornursing.org. Their current focus is on the nursing faculty shortage.

Betsy Houchen from the OBN reported that the Board is focusing on House Bill 648 which deals with Outcome Engineering Pioneering in regards to Just Culture, which is a patient safety initiative that works with employers dealing with practice questions.

OSGNA would like to continue to support *Nurses Day at the Statehouse* by again being an event co-sponsor. As a co-sponsor our logo is displayed on the event material and on the Nurses Day website, most importantly however, as a co-sponsoring organization, we have the opportunity to highlight legislative issues and to present our issue or topic by participating on the panel of speakers for the day. Co-sponsors are also encouraged to be a part of the planning committee and each co-sponsoring organization's membership are afforded a discounted program fee. Our topic for the past three years has dealt with Colon Cancer Screening, Detection and follow up care for colon cancer patients. Any ideas for a related legislative healthcare topic? The next Nurses Day at the Statehouse is March 23, 2011, held in the Atrium of the Ohio Statehouse downtown Columbus, Ohio.

Hope to see you soon!

Shirley

Hopefully by the fall we will have 2 free GI specific CEs on our website for members. We have joined forces with another region to provide these educational offerings. If anyone is interested in developing a learning module for the website and for CEs please let us know. The first CE is being done by Shirley Flowers.

If you are not a member of OSGNA there will be a cost to receive the CE.

Keep checking the web site for more information.

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REMINDER

The next Board Meeting will be September 18, 2010. We are meeting in Columbus . The place has yet to be determined. Please check the website for more information All are welcome. We encourage all members to try and come. We would like your input.

Future Events:

September 11, 2010: Board Meeting in Columbus

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



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.

Board members appreciate everything the members do for OSGNA/SGNA .

We will be looking for a new board member for the 2011-2013.