### Chicago SGNA 2nd Quarter Newsletter



# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Ahh..... Spring has finally sprung, and summer is oh so close!! I hope you all are enjoying this welcome break of sunshine.

#### Our past events this quarter include:

"Spring into GI" conference on April 11, 2015. We had 127 attend!! We had wonderful speakers as usual. You can find the info on the website under education/past events.

We were able to use an online evaluation process for the first time! It was a breeze. There were a couple of hiccups, but I think we will all get used to it.

We also had a great time at <u>SGNA</u>
<u>National Conference in Baltimore!!</u> It
was great. If you ever get a chance to
attend a National conference you
should! There are scholarships
available.

### At SGNA National Baltimore:



Deb, Cindy, Michelle, Amy (and a coworker of Amy!!) We took time to get a selfie in!



Also at National we were able to re-charter the region

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And a special shout out to Advocate Christ Medical Center for winning: For recognition in certification with 50% or greater CGRN's- This poster was displayed at National!

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

## Fall into GI 2015-October 10, 2015

Elgin Community College. We are pleased to have popular speaker Barb Bancroft and a lunch webinar offering an additional ce credit!! You will be receiving info soon via email!! All info is on the website also.

Chicago SGNA is proud to endorse the upcoming GALA educational conference in Chicago. <u>September 25-26, 2015.</u> It will offer up to 11ce. There is a discount code for SGNA members to attend. Please see the website for all the info!!





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### Volunteers!!

We are so happy to announce that we have some new volunteers on our BOD!!

They are:

Amy Granato RN, (Edward)

Ruth Chiu RN, (Lutheran)

Cece Pezdek MSN, (Good Samaritan)

Michelle Shaban RN, (Prescence St Joe Joliet)

Joe Potter RN, (Prescence St Joe, Joliet)

They will be working with us closely this year, and hopefully will take a position on the BOD next year. We can't thank them enough!!

If you have any interest in being a volunteer for Chicago SGNA, please email me at <a href="mailto:cindyshong61@gmail.com">cindyshong61@gmail.com</a>.



We are always looking for RN speakers!! If you have spoken before, or know of a great nurse speaker- please let us know!! Email Deb at <a href="mailto:debgirn@comcast.net">debgirn@comcast.net</a>



## ABCGN Corner Registration Window is now!! www.abcgn.org

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- Certification rewards your continuing efforts to improve your knowledge and skills in your profession. Certification reflects your commitment in time, effort and expense to gastroenterology nursing.
- Certification assures professional recognition from your peers and colleagues.

Planning to take the Fall 2015 Certification Exam? 1st time or recert by exam?? Registration Window is from June 1-July 31. (Registration will close at 5p on 7/31.) ET on July 31, 2015.

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Have a wonderful summer everyone!! Don't forget......

- To certify or recertify this year!!!!! See abcgn.org for details
- Sign up for Fall into GI- details soon to comesee you there!!
- Consider attending the GALA conference in September.

