



Chicago SGNA Summer Newsletter 2017

Message from the President

I can't believe 2017 is half way over! It's been a great year for Chicago SGNA so far. I strive to fulfill my duties as president of the region, but that is made so much easier since our entire BOD is so dedicated to their roles as well as each other.

As a board, we are busy throughout the year to accomplish everything that is required to operate a region of the SGNA. We are communicating with and submitting documentation to SGNA, providing educational conferences (last year we provided 12 CEs to nurses), maintaining our website and social media site, responding to membership needs, coordinating speakers and vendors for conferences, and all activities associated with running a regional society. This commitment requires many volunteer hours.

We had a wonderful Spring into GI conference in March with 129 attendees!!

We have 2 more volunteers this year, Karyn Pechinski and Sherry Lombardo. It is our goal to recruit and mentor those who will serve as the future face of Chicago SGNA. The focus this year is to show our region the importance of being a member and the many benefits being a member offers.

We have worked as a board to address the roles of each BOD member and define them clearly. This will provide transparency and make it easier for transitions to newer board members as they assume the role. These should be posted soon on the website.

Take a moment to visit our website especially our scholarship opportunities.

I had a wonderful time in New Orleans at National Conference. It is a rich time learning from experts in their field as well as the priceless networking opportunities.

I am honored to serve this year as president, and look forward to seeing you at Fall Into GI 10/28/2017.

Cindy Shong RN, BSN, CGRN.

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ORGANIZATION OF NURSES AND
ASSOCIATES DEDICATED TO THE SAFE AND
EFFECTIVE PRACTICE OF
GASTROENTEROLOGY AND ENDOSCOPY
NURSING.

WELCOME

Welcome to all of our new first quarter 2017 members! Membership is what makes our society great. Thank you for your support.



Patty M. – Chicago
Inna K. – Winfield
Noreen M. – Lockport
Frances B. – Rockford
Paulina C. – Orland Park
Julie F. – Downers Grove
Nicole F. – Elmwood
Jewel G. – Oak Park
Lauren H. – Chicago
Brad H. – Plainfield
Tejalben J. – Darien
Susan P. – Rockford
Curlett S. – Gurnee
Michelle S. – Deerfield
Luke W. – Chicago
Brenda S. – Mokena
Sylvia T. – Round Lake
Scott V. – Rockford
Christy W. - Deerfield

Invest in Yourself Inspire Others

Jazz Up Your Journey

44th Annual Course | May 7-9, 2017

New Orleans, Louisiana, Pre-meeting events: May 5-6



Amy Granato, Deb Anders and Cindy Shong
rubbing elbows with the GI Superheroes!



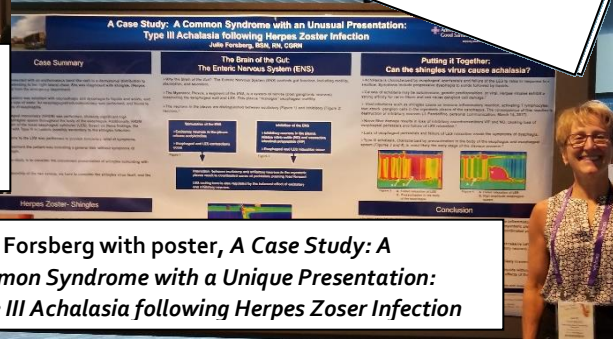
Linda Vainer and Julie Forsberg getting
acquainted with the presentation rooms.



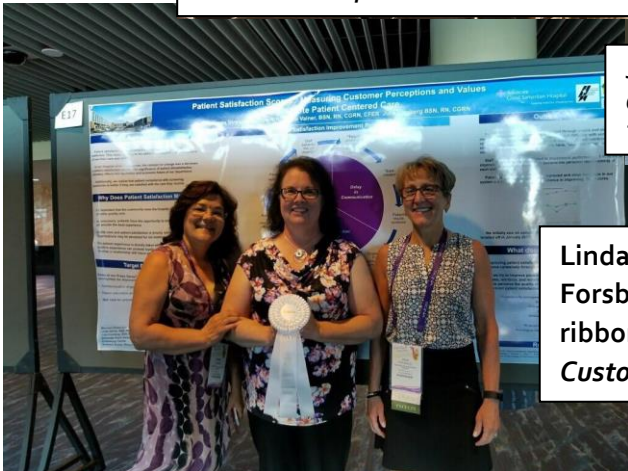
Karyn Pechinski and Keith Matushek with their poster,
*Inspiring Each Other to Use Creative Approaches in
Unique Situations*



Linda Vainer and Maureen Stresinshe giving
oral poster presentation on their poster,
*Patient Satisfaction Scores: Measuring
Customer Perceptions and Values to Promote*



Julie Forsberg with poster, *A Case Study: A
Common Syndrome with a Unique Presentation:
Type III Achalasia following Herpes Zoster Infection*



Linda Vainer, Maureen Stesinshe and Julie
Forsberg displaying their 3rd place education poster
ribbon for *Patient Satisfaction Scores: Measuring
Customer Perceptions and Values to Promote*



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

| 2017 OCTOBER | | | | | | |
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Fall Into GI



We are very excited about our upcoming Chicago SGNA *Fall Into GI* conference! Mark October 28th on your calendar and plan to join us. More details to follow.....

Chicago SGNA is your resource for scholarship opportunities. We offer types of scholarships: National SGNA Course, Chicago Regional Conferences and ABCGN Certification/Recertification. Check out <http://www.chicagosgna.org/membership/scholarships/> for more information and applications.

NATIONAL SGNA COURSE

2 scholarships – \$1500 each
Application deadline: January 31

CHICAGO REGIONAL CONFERENCES

- Spring into GI- 2 RN, 2 GI tech
- Fall into GI- 2 RN, 2 GI tech

Full price of conference is awarded.

Application deadline: January 31 for Spring and August 31 for Fall

ABCGN CERTIFICATION SCHOLARSHIPS

- 8 scholarships – \$350 each
- 4 for certifying and 4 for recertifying.

Application deadline for ABCGN certification:

- February 28 for May sitting and July 30 for October sitting.

Application deadline for ABCGN Recertification: September 30



Just a Note....

Endoscopy is always changing with new and improved equipment and new processes/procedures.

Becoming a SGNA member is an excellent way to keep informed of all the changes. As a member, all you need to do is to log onto the SGNA website. There is a wealth of information at your fingertips.

My favorite part of the website are the 'discussion boards'. The discussion boards are a place to ask any question and receive answers from so many knowledgeable SGNA members. The discussion board gives you insight to what other departments are doing. I love checking in periodically to see what is new in other Endoscopy labs and /or what questions might help me in my practice.

Nursing is a career and it is necessary to keep up with all the changes. Joining the SGNA is one way to increase your knowledge in this field.

Linda Vainer, CGRN

One Last Thing.... We want to hear from you! Our SGNA members are out there accomplishing wonderful things. Please send us information of a member's achievement you'd like to recognize or a photo of member's doing what we do best – GI Nursing! Please submit items for consideration for our Fall Newsletter by August 31, 2017 to:

chicagosgnaregion20@gmail.com

