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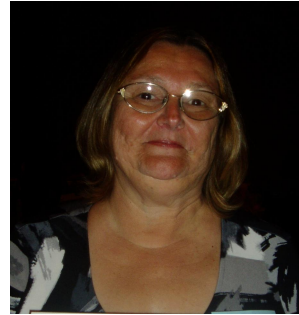
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www.scsгна.org



Membership in the Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates includes membership in the Southern California regional society. Membership benefits include subscription to **Gastroenterology Nursing**, scholarship eligibility, discounted SGNA educational materials, discounted ABCGN certification exam and recertification. Members can register for the SGNA's Annual course and the SGNA's semiannual education conferences at a reduced rate. To join, log on to SGNA's web page.

President's Letter



We have had an exciting 2010 so far. In March we had a very successful Spring Conference at the Pasadena Hilton. What an exciting curriculum we had. Good speakers as well as good topics. We really do listen to the members who fill out the evaluation forms. I always marvel at the wonderful Physicians we have here in Southern California. We would never get the chance to meet them if we did not have them speaking for us on the most part.

May brought us the SGNA National Conference. For those who did not hear, Region 7 (So. California), won Region of the Year. It took a lot of work on the part of our members as well as our Board. Most of the Board either serves on committees nationally, or volunteer at the National meeting. This helps us to get to this fine distinction along with members voting in the yearly national elections as well as our regional elections. So, I thank you for your part in helping us obtain this prestigious award. I want to also put in a huge thank you to Cathie Wulff (Past President) for her hard work in submitting everything that was necessary for the award. We are a very lucky region and have many good GI Nurses and Associates who are our members.

Upcoming is the Fall meeting in San Diego on October 16th, at the Scottish Rite Event Center in Mission Valley. Very close to the Sheraton in Mission Valley where we had one of our conferences a few years ago. I hope you are all planning to attend and bring a fellow associate with you, whether a Nurse or Associate. We are having topics such as: Hepatitis/Liver Disease, Infection Control and Reprocessing, Pathology and some others that we are awaiting confirmation on.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you in October.
 Sincerely,
 Terrie Stevens

SCSGNA wins 2010 Outstanding Regional Society of the Year!



(L-R) Past President Betsy Tyler, Rita Walters-Peyton and Past President Cathie Wulff



(L-R) Board Members Cathy Dye & Ann Herrin

Please Vote!



SCSGNA Elections are just around the corner! The ballots will be mailed to members in August with results announced at the Fall conference in October. Please vote and make a difference for Southern California's SGNA!



Rose Parade Nurses Float Coming in 2013

Sally Bixby, RN was elected to preside as President of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade and Rose Bowl Game for 2013. With this election, the idea to have a float honoring nurses began. \$300,000 will need to be raised to build the Nurses Float. Your SCSGNA Board of Directors had made an initial donation to Bare Roots, Inc. to help them meet their financial goal. We have pledged \$500 towards this effort. We will also be selling raffle tickets at our upcoming seminars and add to our initial donation. We hope you will all be willing to help make this a success by purchasing raffle tickets. Please visit www.flowers4thefloat.org.

SCSGNA Goes Green



Going green means being environmentally responsible. SGNA mandates all regions to comply with this recommendation. We want to support this initiative. These are some changes you will be seeing soon!

- No printed syllabi; online versions will be available at least two weeks prior to a scheduled conference online at our website.
- We will provide the agenda, objective and note pads at the conferences.
- No mailed newsletters.
- No bottled water at our regional conferences.
- Online registration for regional conferences. We will still mail the brochures.
- All plastic bottles and cans will be recycled at each conference venue.
- You will be encouraged to return badge holders after conferences.

We Came, We Saw, We Conquered!



We also spent time getting involved in Orlando! We are very proud to support SGNA at the National level. Many thanks to those members who participated in the 2010 Annual course:

- Programs/Committees:** Laura Whitlock, Terrie Stevens
- Item Writers:** Kathy Krol
- Speakers:** Laura Whitlock, Teri Derimanoczy; Judy Lindsay; Rita Walters-Peyton and Betsy Tyler
- Posters Sessions:** Ann Herrin
- Moderators and Monitors:** Cathie Wulff, Cathy Dye, Laura Whitlock, Rita Walters-Peyton, Terrie Stevens, Ann Herrin, Jeri Brown.



(Above) Members enjoying the "fire drill" in the Orlando heat.

Cathy Dye (L) and Rita Walters-Peyton at the ABCGN dinner. →



Outgoing SGNA President Terrie Vos (L) with SCSGNA President Terrie Stevens accepting award for Outstanding Region.