Welcome to the first addition of the Arizona Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates (ASGNA) newsletter. We are hoping you will forward this to your colleagues to share this information. We plan on publishing this quarterly.

ASGNA PRESIDENTS’ MESSAGE 2017

Hello,

thank you for your continued support and participation in our local chapter. I am honored to work with a committed and hardworking board to carry out the mission of providing nurses and associates in the region with networking and quality G.I. education. In November 2016, I ushered into presidency from the I.T. and president elect role to finish out the season with support of a strong board to host a successful fall conference and elections. In 2016, the ASGNA hosted three separate events, offered 11 educational contact hours and three hours of hands on simulation. In 2017, we hope to offer the same or more with continued support from our generous sponsors.

This year we plan to start preparations to apply for region of the year in 2018. Don’t forget to nominate an outstanding colleague for G.I. tech of the year or G.I. nurse of the year. We are also accepting submissions for the Cathy Olson scholarship until the first week of February, 2017.

Samuel Moore, MSN, BS, RN, ASGNA President 2017

Read the full president’s message at: http://www.asgna.org/president's%20page.html

TRANSITION LUNCHEON 2016 - 2017

BLACK BEAR DINER - GLENDALE, AZ

On January 7, 2017 the ASGNA held the annual meeting for incoming and outgoing board members.

Left to Right: Lisa Anderson, Sam Moore, Donna Conroy, Tess Magat, Chris DiMarzio. Jeannie Stoa, Elaine Jewett, Sara San Miguel, Mary Bondank

2017 ASGNA BOARD

President: Sam Moore
President Elect: Jean Stoa
Past President: Donna Conroy
Treasurer: Lisa Maples
Secretary: Katie Olson
Secretary (alternate): Amy Franzen
Education: Jean Stoa
Hospitality: Sara San Miguel
Hospitality Committee: Noreen Letts
Vendor Representative: Elaine Jewett
Member Liaison Tina Gaudet
I.T. Support/Webmaster: Chris DiMarzio
Organization Liaison: Lisa Anderson

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Comments, feedback and information to share welcomed. Please send input or feedback to Lisa Anderson at jlhealth26@gmail.com
EDUCATION EVENTS

Save the Date!!!

Upcoming Spring Educational Conference will be March 23rd, 2017.
LOCATION: Honor Health Shea campus
SPEAKER: Dr. Amar Thosani, MD
TOPIC: Pancreatic Cancer
Dinner will be served - Cost: $10 members, $15 non-members
For more information on events and to register go to:
http://asgna.org/index.html

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Please submit applications by February 10th. Applications include GI Nurse and Tech of the Year and the Cathy Olson scholarship. We plan to award these at the March Education meeting. For application and details go to:
http://www.asgna.org/awards%20scholarships.html

OTHER ORGANIZATION EVENTS

EMPOWER and INSPIRE! Join us for fun, food and friends at the Take Steps for Crohn’s & Colitis Walk. Festivities include a kids’ zone, music, performers and a day at the Phoenix Zoo! When you fundraise through TAKE STEPS, you directly impact vital treatment, research, and life-giving patient programs for 1.6 million Americans who suffer from Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis. Take Steps for cures.

Saturday, April 8th, 2017
Phoenix Zoo
7:00 a.m. festivities begin / 8:00 a.m. walk
REGISTER TODAY!

STAY CONNECTED!
Find us online at: http://www.asgna.org
Facebook: @asgnaorg

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

For those who have forgotten, please renew. The benefits of membership are many, for more details or to register, please visit:
http://www.sgna.org/Member-Center/How-to-Join


Camp Oasis 2017

It’s that time of year! We’re happy to announce that the Crohn’s & Colitis Foundation of America’s Camp Oasis 2017 will be June 18th to June 23rd, and we will be returning to YMCA’s Camp Shady Brook in Deckers, Colorado. We’re looking for nurses to be part of our volunteer medical team. Nurses can come for half the time if that works best for your schedule. More information about what this entails can be found here: http://www.ccfanet.org/get-involved/camp-oasis/volunteer-support/camp-nurse.html or contact Emily Curtis at 602-734-1392 or email ecurtis@ccfa.org for more information.

GOSSIP CORNER

Please send us some trivial GI antidotes and quotes to share the experiences with others. For example:
Have you ever had that patient for an upper endoscopy and you ask, “Do you have anything in your mouth that comes out?” The response: “My Tongue!”
What is new in your facility? Anyone have a new procedure, know of new trends or have new ideas?