

# Delaware SGNA

## Newsletter

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*DELAWARE Gets  
Website and  
Newsletter.*

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### Front Page DSGNA News

Delaware SGNA Now has a Website and a NEWSLETTER!!!! The purpose of a newsletter is to provide information to the members of the Delaware SGNA at Bi-monthly or quarterly basis. This is the format that will be used to produce the News letter. A contest will be held to decide a name for the publication. I am currently writing the content and publishing the newsletter but would like to turn this over to an enthusiastic member, who would like a job in the Delaware SGNA, and has always dreamed of putting a publication together. The Newsletter format is already a template. Script can be cut and pasted or typed in easily.

The Website is also designed as a form of communication, for not only the Delaware members but members from other regions to visit, as well as people from all over the web. The website has an area for bulletin board that members can post communications about endoscopy questions, new techniques, management styles or the fact that you got a new puppy or a new grandchild. The photo gallery will be fun to keep pictures from the past and the present. The patient education section will allow members from the public to visit our website and glean valuable information about procedures, nutrition and anything else we want to include. The possibilities to expand the region become limitless using the power of the web.

### Message from the President

I can't believe the first half of my first year is gone. Time really flies when one is kept busy. I like the direction that I see Delaware Region 10 heading. As I watch the members get involved with new, and maybe sometimes, "scary at first" projects, I get so excited. Any members, who have met me personally, know that it is not hard to get me excited.

January 2007 I stood before a small group representing Delaware SGNA at our first of five meetings for the year, as Karen Chatham passed the gavel to me, to signify my reign as president had begun, I was terrified. Many of you that attended that meeting will remember the whirlwind of ideas I spread out for the 2 years of my "Tour of Duty" and most of you were probably thinking.... **Will we ever survive?**

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I see great progress the Region is making. The New Logo is completed and loaded onto the National SGNA website. The Delaware Website is under construction and is looking better each day. I want to personally thank my daughter, Patricia Laurion and Amanda Mitchell and their company **Tricia-Lee Media Designs** for all their tireless work on the logo, website, brochures and certificates. Vendor Support for the website would be very helpful if anyone knows a company that wants to support it.

The Each One Reach One is the campaign slogan we are using to increase Delaware SGNA membership. The goal is that each current member of Delaware SGNA will reach one new member for our region. So far several members have reported that they have encouraged a co-worker to join SGNA, and some have been successful. If you have not been able to reach one yet, continue to look for your ideal candidate to become part of SGNA, they will thank you once they get involved and realize what a valuable asset it can be to their career.

Increased certification is also a goal for Delaware that burns in my heart. I know the certification exam is very difficult but it is an attainable goal with hard work and persistence and something to be very proud of once achieved. The immediate Past President of National SGNA admitted many times that she had to take the exam 3 times before she passed but she refused to give up and today she still holds it as one of her proudest accomplishments. I am looking into co-hosting the certification course close to Delaware in 2008. The schedule for SGNA Doris Barnie Review course is already full for 2007 and it is hard to get one scheduled. There is a course Scheduled for Red Bank, NJ for October 13-14, 2007. If anyone is interested in this course, you can sign up on the National SGNA website under the certification dropdown list.

The Delaware SGNA fall education Day scheduled for November 3, 2007 at the Dover Downs Conference Center is quickly approaching. The committee is working hard to finalize speakers so we can get the brochures completed and the CEUs approved. Karen Chatham RN, CGRN has graciously agreed to be the vendor liaison again this year. If anyone knows any vendors that may be interested in attending the Fall-conference please contact Karen (kchatham@shorehealth.org) and give her their contact information.

Another Goal I want Delaware to accomplish in my time, as president, is a connection of the region. Many have noticed that you have been receiving E-mails from me on a regular basis. This is the beginning of increased communication throughout the region. The website and the newsletter will also increase communication. The meeting minutes will be posted on the website after each meeting. I am currently working with Diana Wojniz and some of the upstate members to get the meetings done via videoconference. Our next meeting will be September 10, 2007. I am hoping this will be our first of many videoconferences that connect the region.



Delaware is a small region that has some of the most talented Endoscopy nurses and associates in the nation. It is an honor to be known as your President and a privilege to serve. I hope increased member education, certification, regional communication, networking and growth will be my legacy.

Melinda Huffman RN, MSN, CGRN  
President Delaware SGNA  
Region 10.

## FUTURE Events

### **September 10, 2007**-7pm

Delaware SGNA Meeting-  
Cancer Care Center,  
Nanticoke Memorial Hospital,  
Seaford, Delaware, 19973.

### **November 3, 2007**-

Delaware Fall Education-  
Dover Downs Conference Center.  
Dover, Delaware.

### **January 14, 2008**-7pm

Delaware SGNA Meeting-  
Cancer Care Center,  
Nanticoke Memorial Hospital,  
Seaford, Delaware, 19973.

### **April 11-13, 2008**-

10<sup>th</sup> Annual DelMarVa Multi-Regional  
"Bridging the Chesapeake with current GI Trends"  
Chantilly, VA.

### **April 14, 2008**-7pm

Delaware SGNA Meeting-  
Cancer Care Center,  
Nanticoke Memorial Hospital,  
Seaford, Delaware, 19973.

### **SGNA's 35th Annual Course**

**May 16-21, 2008**  
**Salt Lake City, Utah**

**SGNA & YOU - The Power to Make a Difference**

