

Delaware SGNA

Newsletter

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Letter from the President

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*DELAWARE Fall
Educational Offering at
Dover Downs was a
Success.*

On November 3rd, 2007 the Delaware SGNA held its' Fall Education Day at the Dover Downs Conference Center in Dover Delaware. Fifty-three nurses and associates attended the conference to hear six very diversified speakers. The topics covered included; Colon Cancer, Interventional Radiology, Forensic Nursing, Celiac Disease, Endoscopic evaluation of the Lap Band Patient. Evaluations from the seminar have been very positive. Six (6) total CEUs were awarded with 5.3 of those being GI specific. Please start now to look for speakers and vendors for next year's Fall Education Conference that will be held at the Dover Downs Conference Center November 8th, 2008.

Delaware Region 10 has started the Rechartering process and has resubmitted the first part of the necessary paperwork to the National SGNA headquarters in Chicago to regain our Charter for 2008. There are two other parts of this process that the treasurer will submit in March 2008. Please keep Karen Bell RN, BSN, CGRN in your thoughts as she works with me to get Delaware Region 10 Rechartered for 2008.

As President I have submitted a poster abstract for the National SGNA Conference in Salt Lake City in Utah in Delaware Region 10's name. Karen Bell has agreed to help me with this project if it is accepted. The abstract that I submitted in June 2007 to speak has been accepted and for the third consecutive year I will be one of the speakers at the National SGNA Conference. I encourage everyone in the region to think about National Level involvement in the organization that represents you professionally. All you need to do is go to the SGNA website and Volunteer! Applications for volunteers are being accepted now.

Traditionally in November of each year we hold elections for officers but last year we voted that they would hold their appointed offices for two terms. It was not be necessary to hold an election this November. Your officers will remain as follows for the coming year: (2008)

President-Melinda A Huffman, MSN, RN, CGRN

President-Elect-Kathy Stranahan, BSN, BS, RN, CGRN

Treasurer-Karen C. Bell, BSN, RN, CGRN

Secretary- Ellen Bowden, RN

Please support these individuals as they work to make Delaware the best Region it can be and as they support you in your practice of endoscopy.



[Giving Thanks in Delaware-Region 10.](#)

This year as Delaware reflects back over 2007 we have a lot to be thankful for as a region.

- ❖ New Members
- ❖ Newly certified members
- ❖ Re-certified members
- ❖ Website
- ❖ Newsletter
- ❖ Videoconference meeting capabilities
- ❖ Successful Multi-Regional Conference-March-2007.
- ❖ Successful Fall Educational Day-November-2007.
- ❖ Money in the treasury.
- ❖ Increased Communication within the Region.



Congratulations!

Kathy Stranahan on passing your certification Exam!!!

As you take time out from your busy schedules, take time to reflect on the blessings you have in your life and give Thanks. Enjoy each day with your family and friends this holiday season. Give more than you receive and you will find the true meaning of the Season.

[Call for Newsletter Contributors:](#)

Delaware started its Bi-monthly Newsletter **online** in July 2007 and so far we have had two featured writers from the region who have shared their stories or experiences with the readers of the region as well as others who may read this letter from other regions. This month I did not get any submissions from the members. The newsletter loses much of its flair without those features contributed from others writers. Please consider writing for the January edition and send it to me via e-mail at huffmanm@nanticoke.org. There are many topics to write about that would interest or EDUCATE your colleagues. New techniques, drugs, procedures, patients or families that made an impression on your practice would make great articles. **The only piece that is missing in this issue is you!**





A Thanksgiving Wish

More than a happy Thanksgiving
We wish you this year.
More than a festive, social gathering
With your loved ones so dear.

More than precious moments
With friends loyal and true,
More than the sage, turkey dressing
Prepared especially for you.

We wish you the blessing
Of that first Thanksgiving Day
When the Pilgrims told their story
And efforts of survival marked the way.

We wish you security unending
With freedom and a life free of tears.
We wish peace in the entire world
Through all the forthcoming years.

Joseph T. Renaldi

FUTURE Events

- ❖ **January 12, 2008- DelMarVa Multi-Regional Planning Committee Meeting.** Alexandria, Va
- ❖ **January 14, 2008-7pm-Delaware SGNA Meeting-** Cancer Care Center, Nanticoke Memorial Hospital, Seaford, Delaware.
Ammon Education Center, Room 14, Christiana Care Hospital, Christiana, DE
- ❖ **April 11-13, 2008- 10th 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.
Ammon Education Center, Room 14, Christiana Care Hospital, Christiana, DE
- ❖ **May 16-21, 2008- SGNA's 35th Annual Course. SGNA & YOU. The Power to Make a Difference.** Salt Lake City, Utah.

