I LEFT MY SCOPE IN SAN FRANCISCO

And it keeps bringing us back to one of our most popular conference sites ever, the South San Francisco Conference Center. Since we always have terrific speakers and the value of this full-day conference is so remarkable, both in terms of educational credits and amenities offered for the registration fee, what sets this location apart and makes it so popular is the convenient location, spacious conference room, and the delicious food.

You should have received your registration information and conference brochure by now, so don’t wait! Don’t hesitate! Claim your seat before it’s too late!

The conference is on Saturday, September 24th.
Registration must be submitted or postmarked by Friday, September 9th.

Breaking News!
Not one, but TWO vendor hosted events are scheduled for Friday night! Check your email or the ncsgna.org website for further details.

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• Keep Your Membership Up-to-Date—SGNA wants to ensure that you have uninterrupted access to year-round member benefits. Visit the Member Center to renew your membership today!
Message from the President

As we celebrate the summer events of this year, your volunteer officers are working hard for the upcoming fall conference. From the reservation of the venue to invitation of speakers/exhibitors and everything in between, your volunteer officers work hard to give you an exciting and educational conference this fall. Please feel free to acknowledge/thank them for their hard work (email address of the officers is in the website). Our Facebook page is up and running so you can drop a comment or like our page.

As your President, I would like to thank you (nurses, exhibitors and associates) for supporting our association by being a member and/or volunteer. Because of you, the association is able to fulfill NCSGNA’s mission.

I shall see all of you in our fall conference in South San Francisco conference center in September. In the meantime, enjoy the rest of the summer!!

Imelda, “Aimee” Merrera RN
President, NCSGNA

NCSGNA Business Meeting Minutes

NCSGNA Business Meeting Minutes
Tenaya Lodge, Yosemite
March 19th, 2016

The notice of the special meeting was sent to the NCSGNA membership more than one month prior to the meeting.
The business meeting was called-to-order by the NCSGNA President, Aimee Merrera.

Election Results:
Voting by present NCSGNA members.

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Respectfully submitted by,
Ted Miller
March 19, 2016
### Treasurer’s Report

As of June 30, 2016, NCSGNA has:

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Spring Educational Conference

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Exhibitor’s Report

Well, the vendor room at Tenaya went extremely well. We had 22 vendors attend and they were excited to attend a totally different venue in an awesome place. Who could resist going to a venue in Yosemite!! The vendor room was set up differently this time—the breakfast and morning break tables were in the vendor room. At first I thought it would be too cramped but it actually worked out well. The vendors really liked it because the attendees had to come through the vendor room to get their meals. That meant all of the attendees had to actually look at the vendor tables and more visits were made to those tables. That is really appreciated because without the vendor attendance and financial support, our registration would be a lot higher than it is to be able to put on the high quality conferences that we are used to.

I would like to bring up something that did occur at the Friday night vendor classes. We had two vendors who graciously offered to host education classes on Friday night for our attendees. One of the vendors had a limit of 50 attendees but ended up with 60 who came to the class. There were some people who were upset that they could not attend the class and thought that the vendors should have been able to accommodate anyone who wanted to attend. While the vendors would have loved to have everyone attend, they are limited by the dreaded B word—budget. They are limited by the amount of their budget and that means a limit to the amount of people who can attend.

Another problem that occurred was that some people RSVP’d to attend one of the classes and dropped by to see what was happening and then left. The vendors have taken a lot of time and effort to put together the curriculum for the class, not to mention the expense of the room and food. They are basing all of this on when you RSVP for the class, and if you leave that is very disheartening for them.

Please respect the time and effort the vendors have put into hosting the Friday classes. They are doing this for your education. If you RSVP, please do your best to attend. Of course, sometimes events occur. If you cannot attend, please contact them in advance. Thank you...

Elena Gomez, RN, CGRN
Director of Exhibitors

Don’t be a bear—use common courtesy, remember our vendors help support these events, and treat RSVPs as commitments.
(Bear wood carving at Tenaya resort, Yosemite)
Relay for Life
Crockett, June 4, 2016

My family and I were involved with the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life in our hometown of Crockett. It is the first time Crockett has hosted this event, and with the sponsorship of Conoco Phillips in Rodeo, it was an awesome experience. We have unfortunately lost both of our parents to cancer, most recently our mother this past November. Several family members and friends walked with us that day, and it was a sad but great experience.

Over the past years, I have been involved in setting up different information tables for GI Nurses Day. I used that experience to set up our table for the Relay. With the help of the American Cancer Society and the Colon Cancer Alliance, I obtained information on Colon Cancer, which my dad had, and Ovarian Cancer, which is what my mom had. I also put together a poster with some photos I had taken when my hospital, John Muir Health-Concord, hosted the Colossal Colon in March 2006.

People were very interested in looking at photos of a 40 foot colon, since it was used to educate the public on different things that can appear in the colon, such as cancer, polyps, and Ulcerative Colitis. Our goal is to educate the public on the importance of screening. If we can get a few people to make those appointments for a screening test, it has been a really good day.

We had a lot of fun at the Relay. We’re already planning what to do to improve our next information booth.
# Leadership Directory
Contact information for the NCSGNA leadership

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# NCSGNA Calendar of Events

**September 23, 2016**
- **GERD, Understand the Disease to Treat the Symptoms**
  Holiday Inn, San Francisco International Airport, South San Francisco
- **Nursing Perspectives: Achieving Clinical Response and Remission in Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis**
  Ristorante Rocca, Burlingame

**September 24, 2016**
**NCSGNA Fall Course**
South San Francisco Conference Center

**May 5-9, 2017**
**SGNA’s 44th Annual Course**
New Orleans, Louisiana
ABOUT THE NCSGNA SCHOLARSHIPS

The NCSGNA Scholarship is open to members only. This information is for informational purposes only. Please download your application from www.ncsgna.org. You will be asked to provide your:

Name:______________________________________________
Address:____________________________________________
City/State/Zip Code:______________________________
E-mail:______________________________________________
Home Phone:________________________________________
Employer:____________________________________________
Work Phone:________________________________________

What is the scholarship for?

The goal of this scholarship is to help a regional member attend the SGNA Annual Course. One $1000.00 scholarship will be awarded to be used for registration, airfare, and hotel accommodations. Recipients must provide documentation of actual use of funds.

What criteria are used to award the scholarship?

- The applicant’s support of SGNA, both regional and national;
- The applicant’s promotion of GI nursing;
- The applicant’s activities within their hospital and community;
- The applicant’s participation within local, state, and federal government on behalf of nursing and health care issues;
- The applicant’s participation in other nursing organizations.

What is the application process?

Begin by checking off any activities in which you have participated (each category is assigned a point value by the Scholarship Committee). Expand upon these activities, include other areas that you feel demonstrate your qualifications for this award, and add any additional comments. Return this entire form and your comments to the Scholarship Committee Chairman.

Eligible applicants must have been a voting licensed nurse or associate of NCSGNA for two years or more, must demonstrate support of NCSGNA’s goals and objectives, must currently be employed in gastroenterology, Members of the Board of Directors and those who have received an NCSGNA Educational Course grant within the past three years are ineligible.

ACTIVITIES

When did you join SGNA/NCSGNA?_____________________
Years in GI Nursing:_____________________
Academic/Professional Credentials:_____________________
Northern California SGNA:_____________________
President: held office
President-Elect: held office
Past President/Historian: held office
Secretary: held office
Treasurer: held office
Director of Exhibits: held office
Director of Scholarship/Publicity: held office
Director of Membership: held office
Director of Education: held office

National SGNA or ABCGN (e.g., HOD Speaker or Vice Speaker; national Board Member):

SGNA Foundation Board Member; SIG Group Coordinator;
Annual Course poster presenter, speaker, committee member, monitor or moderator)

Education (e.g., staff in-services, community presentations, teaching student nurses, mentoring new employees):

Government (e.g., special projects, resolutions):

Health Fairs/Other Professional Organizations/GI Nurses Day:

Miscellaneous:

Research/Educational Posters

If your poster is accepted for display at the Annual Course, you may be eligible for a monetary subsidy.

Here’s hoping you will join us at the 2017 SGNA Annual Course!!!