



## ASGNA WINTER 2010 NEWSLETTER "WHAT'S THE SCOPE"



### President's Message 2010

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I would like to welcome you to ASGNA 2010. This year's National theme is "Expand Your Horizons" and I am doing that this year as your President. I challenge all of you to "Expand your Horizons" too, by volunteering for board positions, ASGNA events or achieving certification.

ASGNA will continue to conduct informational booths for the Take Steps Crohn's and Colitis Walk May 22; Relay for Life May 2, Save our Parents in Phoenix and Tucson, Women's Expo Sept. 18-19, and the Undy 5000. Please contact any of the board members or Chris Bauer if you would like to volunteer your time and knowledge for any of these events.

We will be handing out Blue Colon Cancer Star pins again this year on GI Nurses Day, March 24. The pins will be distributed to Endoscopy Depts. in Arizona for people receiving their screening colonoscopy.

We will also be selecting 2010 GI Nurse of the Year. Requirements for this award are posted on our website. ([www.asgna.org](http://www.asgna.org)) Email your nominations to me by March 9<sup>th</sup>.

On Wednesday, March 24,, we offer an educational meeting at 6:30pm at Scottsdale Shea. We will be celebrating GI Nurses and Associates Day. This is free to all members and \$10.00 for non-members.

The National Conference is held in Orlando, Fl., on April 30-May 5. Catherine Yows and I are planning on attending, representing ASGNA at the House of Delegates. With the economy, I realize the trip is difficult. I encourage all who can to join us for fun in the sun. If anyone needs a roommate let me know and we will try to help you out.

Remember that our newsletter will be available on the web page, [www.asgna.org](http://www.asgna.org) and no longer sent via mail.

I encourage all of you to check out our website [www.asgna.org](http://www.asgna.org) ; The National website [www.sgna.org](http://www.sgna.org); and ABCGN [www.abcgcn.org](http://www.abcgcn.org) for upcoming events and information. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me or any board member.

Sue Kendrick, CGRN

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## ◆ EDUCATION ◆



March 24, Wednesday Evening GI Nurses' and Associates Day Celebration

**Topic:** Small Bowel Capsule

Dr Bradford Jones MD: from Digestive Health *Specialists*

Question and Answer panel: Karen George

**Location:** Scottsdale Healthcare Shea Medical Center

9003 E. Shea Blvd., Scottsdale.

630p-Dinner and business meeting -----7p-speaker

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### *“Calling All GI Nurses”*

The Colon Cancer Alliance is sponsoring the Annual Bike Rally that is raising monies for the support of colon cancer awareness. Volunteers are needed to support this group on Sat., March 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to noon for help at the registration area. Also volunteers would be great at 3:00pm at the end of the run. Please contact me at [jncbauer@gmail.com](mailto:jncbauer@gmail.com) if you are able to help in any way. A meal is provided for the volunteers in the afternoon.

Also ---- Don't forget Dress In Blue Day ---- this Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. It is a Nation-Wide event also designed to recognize Colon Cancer Awareness. Spread the word to all of your co-workers, schools, and businesses – they can support the cause by wearing their BLUE this Friday.

We as members of the Arizona SGNA, we are the link to the public when it comes to these events. By spreading the word and extending a hand, we are serving the needs of the community we are to here to serve. So get the word out and volunteer if you can.

See the attached list of events upcoming in the area and let me know again via email if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Chris Bauer BSN, RN

ASGNA Colon Cancer Liaison

## GI Nurse of the Year

Nominations are in process. Send your nomination of a co-worker, employee or friend that demonstrates outstanding nursing skills, is smart, innovative, or a mentor. Nomination information is located on the web page. Send to Sue, by March 16<sup>th</sup>. Information available on the web page.

## 2010 Future Events

- 2/26** Last day to register for SGNA raffle to win free nights in Orlando  
(see SGNA web site for details: [www.sgna.org](http://www.sgna.org))
- 3/5** Dress in Blue Day-Colon Cancer Alliance
- 3/6** "Colon All Angels: Ride a Bike, Save a Butt" Motorcycle Ride sponsored by Colon Cancer Alliance. Contact <http://colonallangels.webs.com>
- 3/16** Nominations due to Sue for GI Nurse of the Year
- 3/19** Last day to register with discount for Orlando
- 3/20** St Joseph's Hospital "Save Our Patients" 8-2pm: free community education
- 3/21** Phoenix Suns Colon Cancer Awareness Night. Contact Kendra Sabol at [sabolk@azdhs.gov](mailto:sabolk@azdhs.gov)
- 3/24** GI Nurses' Day Evening Education Meeting at Scottsdale Healthcare: Shea Hospital: 630pm
- 3/25** Colon Cancer Seminar at Scottsdale Healthcare: Shea: Dr Ramanathan  
To discuss TGen Research: 630p
- 4/11** Nurses' Recognition Night at the Phoenix Suns Game: US Airway Center
- 4/16-17** Relay for Life in Sun Angel Stadium, Tempe, AZ: on ASU campus
- 4/30-5/5** 37<sup>th</sup> SGNA Annual Conference in Orlando, Fla
- 5/22** Crohn's and Colitis Walk at Tempe Town Lake  
Sign up at [www.cctakesteps.org/phoenix](http://www.cctakesteps.org/phoenix)
- 9/18-19** Arizona Ultimate Women's Expo held at Phoenix Convention Center 10a-5p
- 10/23** ASGNA Fall Conference Location TBA
- 10/30** Undy 5000-location: TBA
- 5/6-5/11/2011** SGNA Annual Course: Indianapolis, Indiana
- 5/18-5/23/2012** HEY, HEY!!!! SGNA Annual Course: **Phoenix, AZ**

## ★ Membership Benefits ★

Starting in June 09, **non-members will be required to pay \$10.00 per contact hour** for education offerings (cash only). Education will continue to be **free to SGNA members**. Members should bring their SGNA membership card to the meetings. Membership cards can be printed from the SGNA web site. Evening meetings are 1 contact hour. Half-day, Saturday meetings are 2-3 contact hours. Above statement does not apply to the Annual Fall Conference.

## ☰ Treasurer's Report ☰

**Balance as of Feb 10, 2010**                      **\$13,757.26**

## ☼ Thank You!!!! ☼

The 2008-2009 ASGNA Board members want to send a big "Thank You" to Don Dupree for the hours and dedication he offered to design and maintain asgna web page.

**Thanks, Don**

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