



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>

### 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  
Tess Magat  
Lisa Anderson
- Hospitality: Sara San Miguel  
Amy Franzen
- Hospitality Committee: Noreen Letts  
Darlene Johnson
- Vendor Representative: Elaine Jewett
- Member Liaison: Tina Gaudet
- I.T. Support/Webmaster: Chris DiMarzio
- Organization Liaison: Lisa Anderson

### 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

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Comments, feedback and information to share welcomed. Please send input or feedback to Lisa Anderson at [jlhealth26@gmail.com](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup>. 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



FOR CROHN'S & COLITIS

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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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>



2017 Board Members. Back row: Donna Conroy, Chris DiMarzio, Katie Olson, Jeannie Stoa, Lisa Maples. First row: Tina Gaudet, Lisa Anderson, Sam Moore, Sara San Miguel. Not pictured: Elaine Jewett, Tess Magat, Amy Franzen, and Noreen Letts



## 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.cdfa.org/get-involved/camp-oasis/volunteer-support/camp-nurse.html> or contact Emily Curtis at 602-734-1392 or email [ecurtis@ccfa.org](mailto: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?

