



MNSGNA

Minnesota Regional Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates (MNSGNA)

MNSGNA NEWSLETTER

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On behalf of the MNSGNA, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year. We are currently working on planning our next conference, which will be on March 19th, 2016 at Macalester College. Dr. Patricia Raymond will be our featured speaker and we are thrilled to have her speak at our spring conference. Many of you have heard Dr. Raymond at Nationals; she is a wonderful speaker and fun to listen to. We will also have additional speakers to share their expertise with us. Thank you for your dedication to GI nursing and to the patients we are caring for. Looking forward to another great year!

Karin Cierzan, RN, CGRN



With 2014 SGNA speaker,
country singer Wade Hayes

What: MNSGNA
Spring Conference

When: March 19, 2016

Where: Macalaster College
1600 Grand Ave
St Paul, MN 55105



Please watch for more information at our MNSGNA website. There will be limited space at the Spring conference so early registration will be suggested.



<https://about.me/PatriciaRaymond>

Just a note...

Change can be hard, especially for nurses. Nurses are faced with challenges and changes in health care everyday. It can be extremely difficult to keep up with the changes in how we are expected to deliver care to our patients, keep up with the advancement in treatment options, and the hardest is probably the changes in technology.

This year, MNSGNA is making a leap to a website that enables board members to have the ability to update and gather information from the website. However, this also means growing pains and challenges for members and board members. Online registration has had its struggles for many. It has several advantages, by allowing all registration material to be placed on spreadsheets; often time the written registrations are hard to read causing errors in recorded information. Enabling us to keep up to date contact information of our members gives us a way to easily communicate with our members along with other options that have not yet explored.

We are aware that registering online was a big change up, but something that needed to be done. We are hoping that people find it easier to register for our Spring Conference. Pay Pal has been available to members for several years now. We understand that some people don't like to use Pay Pal, but many people have asked to have online payment available to them and this is the best option we have found to date. We are, however, continuing to look for other options available.

Going forward, we will need to require everyone to register online for educational events. You will not be required to pay online if you are not comfortable with online payment. You will, however, need to complete your registration online up to the payment section, and then exit the website and send payment to the address listed on the registration form. Once your payment is received, you will receive confirmation and receipt of payment for your records.

Thank you so much for your patience and understanding during this transition. We look forward to having you join us March 19, 2016, at Macalester College. Watch for details on the website and in your email.

The Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates is a professional organization of nurses and associates dedicated to the safe and effective practice of gastroenterology and endoscopy nursing. SGNA carries out its mission by advancing the science and practice of gastroenterology and endoscopy nursing through education, research, advocacy, and collaboration, and by promoting the professional development of its members in an atmosphere of mutual support.



Final Thoughts

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*Thank you to all who attended and participated in
our fall conference.*

We look forward to seeing you this spring!