



Happy New Year to everyone and welcome to a fun and exciting year for Western NC SGNA. Your board of directors has been very busy planning for an exciting and eventful year.

Our first Regional Meeting will be April 26, 2008 at the Charlotte Inner City Marriott hosted by Carolinas Healthcare Endoscopy Unit's. They have been busy planning for a very exciting meeting. Please mark your calendars now to save the weekend and join us in Charlotte for educational fun!

Also, South Carolina SGNA is hosting a meeting in Rock Hill, SC on March 15<sup>th</sup>. I have attached the flyer with their information if anyone would like to attend their meeting. Also during March, don't forget to promote Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month and celebrate GI Nurses Day with your co-workers. You should have received a flyer from SGNA headquarters regarding GI Nurses Day on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

If you haven't been to our website recently, please visit our website to stay on top of what is happening in our region. [www.wncsgna.org](http://www.wncsgna.org) We have posted a scholarship application for our national meeting this year in Salt Lake City. We have changed a few things this year and have increased the scholarship amount. Please download the application and forward to me. The deadline is Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. You must have the letter postmarked by February 18<sup>th</sup> or you may fax it to (704) 660-4499 and it must be received by February 18<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm EST. Please do not ask us to accept late applications, as we will not be in a position to do this.

Finally, our most exciting item on our agenda this year is a joint state meeting with South Carolina at Myrtle Beach, SC October 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>. We are partnering with Eastern NC and both regions in SC for a wonderful weekend of education and also the certification exam will be offered on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.

I look forward to a very fun and exciting year with all of you as colleagues in the field of GI nursing. Please do not hesitate to contact myself or one of the board members if you have any questions. Our board members are:

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