Mark Your Calendar!

August 14, 2018

No Regional meeting, Board of directors will have a planning meeting.

SGNA National May 2018
GOSGNA Update

It’s been awhile since the last newsletter. So, let’s catch up. South Lake Hospital hosted our April 10, 2018 Regional meeting. Thank you, Patti, Lynette and the rest of your team. Grant from Boston Scientific gave a very interesting talk on Endoscopic Ultrasound advancements. They also provided our dinner. We love the support we get from Boston Scientific.

In May the SGNA 45th Annual Course was held at Coronado Springs at Disney. This conference had some of the best speakers I have ever experienced at any of the events. DJ Vanas started us off on Sunday morning. What an inspiration. And there were so many talks to choose from. I have to say that our closing speaker, Meg Soper, sent us into fits of laughter. What a way to end the conference! The poster presentations represent a lot of research and work by the teams that put them together. Another great opportunity for education are the vendor Booth CE sessions. Many people took advantage of these. It is so much fun to meet GI professionals from all over the country and even the world. Next year the 46th Annual Course will be in Portland, Oregon.

Our Region needs trying to find out which direction to go to meet the needs of our large area. The surveys that have been filled out are not giving a clear direction. Should we have less week night meetings? Attendance is averaging 15-25 attendees. It is getting harder to secure hosts, sponsors and speakers for 6 Regional dinner/CE meetings. Spring Into ENDO in March still seems to be a popular event, although attendance used to be close to 100, for the past few years it has been less than 75.

We have put the newsletter on the www.sgnaflorida.org web site. We also have added a Facebook page. I send out group emails to as many people as I have email addresses for. There still is not as much response as we had hoped for. The GI world is exciting work. There is always something new to learn. Technology and standards are constantly being changed. SGNA offers our members and fellow GI/Endoscopy professionals to keep up with education.

The 2018 FGS/FL-SGNA Annual Meeting will be in Orlando at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress. The date is Sept. 14-16, 2018. Hopefully there will be many of our
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We are trying to decide if we will go to Saturday meetings or continue with the midweek meeting. If you have not filled out a questionnaire and have a preference please let me know before August 15 when the board will meet to make a decision for next year. Please remember if we go to Saturday meetings we cannot have them hosted by any of the Florida Hospitals.

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Grand Cypress. We have Site as our part, so by the time of the meeting most of our regions responsibilities are over.

We will not have an August meeting, but will resume October 9th. The current plan will be at Florida Hospital Celebration, and we are still looking for someone to host.

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**August 14, 2018**  
Board meeting

**October 9, 2018**  
Celebration Hospital
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