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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Georgia SGNA—Region 17

A Message from Your President

My name is Loraine Miller, and I am very humbled to serve as your Georgia SGNA president for 2025. The last few post-pandemic years have been rebuilding years. Our local and regional societies have been greatly impacted as many leaders have either retired or left the field of Gastroenterology for different career paths. We had a very successful State Educational conference at Unicoi Park in Helen last Fall under the leadership of our Immediate Past President, Nathan Long.



My goals for this year include a focus on carrying out our mission of advancing the science and practice of Gastroenterology and Endoscopy Nursing through Education, Advocacy, Collaboration and promoting the professional development of our members. The journey to successful rebuild starts with communication and updating our regional website. We have been missing the opportunity to connect with our local members and I promise to correct that with our local meeting minutes, save the dates of regional activities, such as our Annual Fall Educational Conference and our national SGNA conference in June 2025 in the historic city of Pittsburgh.

I hope this communicates that our society is very much alive and embracing ways to engage the next generation of members on the importance of continuing education, volunteerism, research and advocacy. We invite participation not just from nurses. Our GI Techs are important members of our society and contribute to our everyday practice. Whether you are new to the field of Gastroenterology or a seasoned veteran like me, we want to hear from you!!!



Let us know what you and your department did for GI Nurses & Associates week by sending in your photos. We will post on our website as well as Facebook. We would like to hear from you!!



Did you know that globally 2020 has been named Year of the Nurse by the World Health Organization in honor of the 200th anniversary of birth of Florence Nightingale?

The goal is to celebrate the contributions of nurses in improving health, address the challenges of nurses while providing care and to advocate increased investments in nursing workforces.

**Don't forget to Renew your Membership
and Join SGNA!!!!**