

DURHAM CHAPTER

The Durham Chapter continues to work towards meeting the goals we set out for 2011, including achieving a 5% increase in membership. Total membership as at April 30, 2011 was 177, an increase of 12 members from the previous month.

Our spring educational meeting during Seniors' Month this year will be held June 14, 2011 and is titled *Top Ten Myths of Aging: Untruths about What it Means to be Old*, presented by Ron Martyn of Silver Meridian. We are looking forward to holding this very exciting event.

As for executive positions, we were successful in recruiting a new Membership Chair this past year, but are still in need of a President Elect and ways to provide some of our long-standing executive members ways to step down if they would like. Several of our Executive have been with us for almost 10 years (if not more), but have been kind enough to stay on to keep the Chapter viable. We continue to work on ways to facilitate this, and hope to have some success soon to share.

From a professional advocacy perspective, we have been participating in the RNAO calls to action, Alzheimer Society calls for action and recently attended an MPP breakfast during Nursing Week held by the Durham Chapter of RNAO. We had the opportunity to promote nurse led clinics, address issues re: home supports for seniors as well as discuss issues such as transportation for our seniors.

Our big activity for 2011 is preparing for the 2012 provincial conference. Our theme is picked out... *Through a Different Lens*. Darlene Legree has agreed to act as Chair for the conference, and is taking the lead in working with our conference planners. More information to come as it becomes available. We are looking forward to hosting you in 2012!

Respectfully submitted,
Tabatha Bowers, President