

NEWSLETTER

Message from The President

Linda Galarneau

Our membership year is drawing to a close. This is the last year that GNA is a stand alone organization. As of November 1, 2011, we will also be members of the Canadian Gerontological Nursing Association (CGNA). Some By-law changes still need to be made. For now, the Board has opted to change our name officially to the "Gerontological Nursing Association Ontario" (GNAO). Membership fees have therefore been increased to \$65.00 per year. The majority of GNAO members pay their fees through RNAO. For RPNs, they can also pay their fees through RPNAO. Associate members and others who are not members of RNAO or RPNAO can either download a membership form or join on-line at the gnaontario.org website. Payment must be mailed to:

Gerontological Nursing Association
Ontario
PO Box 368, Station K
Toronto, ON M4P 2G7

Associate membership fee for other health care workers is \$30.00. The fee for retired members and students is also \$30.00. Payment of the GNA membership fee is waived for students who are also student associate members with the RNAO or RPNAO

(membership information must still be completed in full and submitted either directly to the GNA or through RNAO/ RPNAO).

So why join GNAO?

This provincial association offers its members networking opportunities with other professionals who share similar interest and enthusiasm for this unique area of practice; educational opportunities, a strong voice for advocacy; and Perspectives, a quality peer-reviewed quarterly journal. Perspectives will now come under the mandate of CGNA and will be e-mailed to you quarterly by CGNA. It is therefore essential that we have your correct e-mail address.

There are eleven chapters throughout Ontario. Each chapter holds regular meetings for members as well as educational events and activities to enhance your professional practice. In addition, the annual conference is hosted by chapters on a rotational basis. GNAO's 37th Annual Provincial Conference: "Viewing Gerontology Through Different Lenses" will be hosted by the Durham Chapter on November 1 & 2 2012. Location TBA.

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Editor's Comment

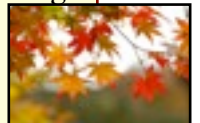
One of the privileges of being on the local chapter Executive and Education committees is working with the student members.

Presently, our students are from Queen's School of Nursing - Tina and Ada, and wow, are they two impressive women!

On page two you can read about their spear-headed initiative at Queen's where they are truly demonstrating the promotion of high standards of nursing and related health services for older adults while simultaneously promoting advocacy and professionalism among students.

Come join us October 25 at Arbour Heights for our next education evening.

-Doris Flynn-



ADVOCATING FOR HIGH STANDARDS OF NURSING AND RELATED HEALTH SERVICES
FOR OLDER ADULTS WHILE PROMOTING PROFESSIONALISM IN NURSING



Gerontological Nursing Association Ontario

QUEEN'S GERONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY (QGS) -

SUBMITTED BY TINA LEUNG, QNS IV

With the increasing demand in providing high quality care to the seniors, there is a desperate need to disseminate the most updated research and best practice guidelines to the future healthcare professionals. The purpose of the Queen's Gerontological Society (QGS) is to stimulate interest in gerontology among students from different faculties at Queen's University. The Queen's Gerontological Society (QGS) is a partner with the education committee of the Kingston's Chapter of Gerontological Nursing Association (KCGNA), in which students can participate in educational sessions offered. This new club offers professional development opportunities by encouraging club members to participate and attend the guest lectures, workshops, webinars, and conferences. The club will also provide networking opportunities for students to develop links with healthcare professionals who are currently working in the field. Moreover, QGS will be encouraging evidence-based practice through the promotion of translating research knowledge

into practice. This is a valuable experience for the students because it can provide them with realistic insight of the nurses working in the field, clarify any misconceptions about providing care to elderly, as well as increase awareness of the most updated best practice guideline available. In the near future, QGS aims to establish partnerships with other Canadian universities to create a secured network of nursing students interested in gerontology to exchange knowledge.



MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT

We are always in need of more members. Ask a buddy to join or just bring them to one of our education sessions. We are only as good as our membership.

I encourage you all to check out the gnaontario.org website on a regular basis. Check the Kingston

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Chapter link for up-dates and meeting information.

Any questions or comments? Don't hesitate to e-mail me. I'd love to hear from you. How can we make GNAO better for you?

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UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

“What’s that, you say?” Hearing Impairment and Deafness in Older Adults.
Educational Evening Inservice with our Host: Arbour Heights LTC Home, Tanner Drive.

6:30pm - Tour of Home

7:00pm - GNAO local meeting

7:30pm - Guest Speaker, Kim Hennessy, Canadian Hearing Society

ALL WELCOME !!!



PROFESSIONAL ADVOCACY

**Ontario Election 2011**

Submitted by Judy Greenwood-Speers

OCTOBER 6th Thursday is a day you mark on your calendar now and mark your ballot then! Why bother some may ask, because you still care about health care and seniors.

Call up your friends and old co-workers and ask them to come for tea to discuss how you might like to vote and get their opinion as well. Then take the 20 minutes to go to the polls and if you need a lift, call a candidates campaign office and they will gladly send someone to pick you up and bring you back. They still don't have to know how you vote but they are happy to get you there. It may be the best thing they have done this election or after it as well!

If you don't know who to vote for, pick the one that you think will bring fresh ideas to the legislature

as most decisions are made by multi party committees and even an independent can get on them. A good idea can have more legs in

the behind the scenes committees, regardless of which government minister introduces the Bill.

We are planning to hold a political dinner event AFTER the Election to help the newly elected or reelected person, meet people after the vote when they might actually be in a position to be able to do something. We will keep you posted but expect a late November opportunity to 'Meet & Eat' with a politician.

But DO NOT miss your opportunity to VOTE. We certainly have paid for the privilege of being able to VOTE and we will certainly be paying for how they cast their VOTES. OCTOBER 6th- Bring voting card or your ID and make your MARK!

Calendar

October 6, 2011

Election Day

Enjoy our democratic right !

Thank you to our members who assist older adults in their care to be able to exercise their franchise to vote

October 21 - 23, 2011

40th Annual Scientific and Educational Meeting of Canadian Association on Gerontology and 4th Pan-American Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, Ottawa

October 25, 2011

Our local chapter is sponsoring an Education evening with the Canadian Hearing Society at Arbour Heights LTC Home. See you there!!

OUR
CHAPTER SECRETARY

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