

## KINGSTON & DISTRICT CHAPTER

The GNA is moving ahead this year with conjoint membership with CGNA at the joint CGNA/GNA conference in Mississauga on June 8-11, 2011. To coincide with that meeting, we are having our Kingston Chapter AGM early this year on May 10, 2011 at the Seniors Association, 56 Francis Street.

The Kingston Chapter continues to have a vibrant membership. I would like to thank all of our members for their support. Our success is due to our membership and to the fantastic volunteers on our Executive.

This year the Executive has revised the "Job Descriptions" for the Executive Chairs, including anticipated hours. The new job descriptions help us with recruitment to the Kingston Executive. At present, all the positions on our Executive have been filled. Kelly Baker is our Past President and Barb Robinson is our President Elect. We have been very fortunate this year to have Will Jiang as our Queen's Student Representative. He drafted the Student Job Description for us and has set in place a process for ongoing student involvement from Queen's Nursing on our Executive. Marianne Hunter and the Educational Committee continue to work hard to provide us with top caliber speakers and interesting venues for meetings. Finding and keeping a Treasurer has been challenging, but Glenna Churchill has agreed to take on this role. Financially our Chapter is in "the black". Glenna was formerly our *Perspectives* Chair. This position was made redundant when *Perspectives* moved under the aegis of CGNA. Doris Flynn is producing our newsletter "Omega". The last two issues have been outstanding. Judy Greenwood-Speers has been very educational for us as the Professional Advocacy Co-Chair, along with Denise Woods. Judy has a wealth of knowledge about how to lobby politicians and we are learning much from her. Margie Gehan is our Membership Chair. Kingston Chapter currently has 126 members (26 of whom are students). I would like to welcome Patricia Lunt who has agreed to take on the position of Secretary.

In addition, we have two Members-at-Large on our Executive. They are Susan Ward-Moser who is the provincial GNA President and Diane Buchanan who is the President Elect for CGNA and the Editor of *Perspectives*.

All in all, the Kingston Chapter has a lot of reasons to be proud. We have been going strong since 1983. May you all continue to find membership in the Kingston Chapter of GNA to be as rewarding as I do. I have learned a lot about gerontological nursing by being a member and meetings never fail to inspire me.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Galarneau, President