

## NIAGARA CHAPTER

### Annual Report for 2010-2011:

#### Goals:

- 3 education sessions, plus the AGM and 4 executive meetings
- Increase membership in Niagara
- To recruit new members to the Executive
- To increase nursing student awareness of local Chapter of GNA

The AGM last November 2010 was extremely educational in helping to understand how people from the “Baby Boomers” to Gen X, Y learn and expectations within the workplace. Niagara Chapter has found that identifying a theme for the year and creating a series of educational events on the same theme have been successful. The focus for this past year has been “pain” in the older adult. All sessions were well attended by both members and non-members. The first presentation was *Creating and Sustaining Changes in Pain Practice* with Elaine Calvert, RN, LTC Best Practice Coordinator. The second and third sessions were presented by Diane Reid, Palliative Care Consultant with the HNHB Hospice Palliative Care Network: *Pain Assessment in the Older Adult and Pain Management in the Older Adult*.

All sessions were extremely well attended – there is representation from the community, hospital, education and long-term care. A light dinner is always part of the evening which allows members to attend following work and to socialize. Preferred rates are given to members to encourage their attendance.

Our advertising for sessions is through email contact exclusively now. Only a minority of members do not have email and this has eased the burden of mailing out educational flyers. Our membership continues to be sustained which is a challenge as more people retire or move away. We maintain a list of those who have attended previous sessions in addition to our members – this has been very successful as we have recruited a number of people through this avenue. We offer reduced prices for meals and if individuals join that night, it is honored.

The number of students has increased and we will continue to work on this for 2012.

Our goal in 2011 is to survey members through Survey Monkey to determine topics for the coming year. It is important that we remain responsive to members’ educational needs in order to maintain their interest and satisfaction with the GNA.

Respectfully submitted,  
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