

## TORONTO CHAPTER

### **President's Greetings and Annual Report for 2010-2011:**

With the business of everyone's schedules, 2010 chapter activity has been slower than desired. However it is hoped that the pace will pick up again this summer and fall. The Chapter's goal of hosting 3-4 educational events during the year has been maintained and attendance at these events has been slowly increasing.

Maintaining a full Executive has continued to present its challenges. However, a small committed group continues to support the development of the organization.

The Chapter hosted the following events between November 2010 and April 2011:

November 30, 2010 – Dinner Meeting held featuring “Moodivational” Speaker Carol Bertucci Luciani

March 9, 2011 – Dinner Meeting held on *Best Practice Approaches to Responsive Behaviours in Dementia Care* with John Thomas, Psychogeriatric Consultant.

An evaluation tool was developed for the speaking events and also to elicit feedback from participants on future topics of interest to the participants.

The feedback on both events was extremely positive and the presentations were enthusiastically received

April 15, 2011 – Executive Meeting held to plan future educational events for 2011 and to discuss strategies to fill vacant executive positions and increase Chapter activity.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

The Toronto Chapter continues to enjoy a very strong financial position exhibiting both a healthy bank balance and GIC investment portfolio.

In the fall, the Toronto Chapter partnered with the OANHSS Region 5 Director of Care group to host a workshop on *Cognitive Aging for Personal Support Workers* featuring Dr. Guy Proulx. The event was well attended and provided participants with practical hands-on tips in providing dementia care.

### **Membership:**

Membership as of April 30, 2011 shows a total of 460. This figure includes student members as well. We certainly want to grow these numbers. We are very pleased to have a number of students continue to attend our events and demonstrate an interest in the field of gerontology.

In the words of Arthur Ash: “*Success is a journey not a destination*”

The Toronto Chapter continues its journey toward an engaged and committed organization.

Respectfully submitted,  
Helen Alemany, President