

Registered Nurses Association Of Ontario
PROVINCIAL NURSE EDUCATORS INTEREST GROUP

PNEIG

Newsletter Fall 2002

DATES TO REMEMBER

RNAO AGM April 11,12 2003
PNEIG AGM Breakfast Meeting
April 12, 2003



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GREETINGS FROM OUR CHAIR

Dear PNEIG members:

Welcome to all new and returning members of PNEIG. Your executive has been in the process of rebuilding and we have devoted this year to establishing a new structure and function for our interest group. We met for the day on October 26th and were able to draft new terms of reference for PNEIG which we hope will provide the structure we need to guide us in our activities in the years ahead.

We are also continuing to work on the two issues that members identified as top priorities for this year: (1) Communication and networking within PNEIG and (2) preceptorship in the clinical setting. On the communication front, we have been working at re-establishing the web site which will be up and running **by November 30th!!!**. The web site will provide a forum for discussion and links to other people and organizations involved in nursing education.

We have also discovered that many groups on the local, provincial and national level are addressing the issue of adequate funding for and availability of opportunities for clinical nursing education and preceptorship. The challenge at this point appears to be networking with the various groups involved in order to move forward together in strength. Our policy representatives have been compiling lists of organizations that are addressing this issue and have also been in

touch with head office at RNAO. Our goal at this point is to identify the organizations involved and to work with RNAO to coordinate the efforts of these groups.

We hope to hear from many on the issues relevant to PNEIG and nursing education. As noted above, we have developed draft terms of reference for PNEIG and we welcome your comments. This draft document will be put forward at our annual AGM in April for your vote and approval. We also have plans to post this on our new web site – let us know what you think. In addition, we are always happy to receive input, articles etc. for our newsletter from our members. Please forward any submissions to Beth Cowper-Fung.

Please note that our annual general meeting will be held in conjunction with the RNAO AGM on Saturday, April 12th. We look forward to meeting many of you there.

Kindest regards to all

Anne Simmonds
Chair, PNEIG

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars!!

- PNEIG AGM – Saturday, April 12th, 2002 at the Hilton Suites, 8500 Warden Avenue, Markham, Ontario L6G 1A5. Our AGM will be held in conjunction with the RNAO AGM. We will be looking for new executive members to carry on with the important work of PNEIG. If you think you might be interested in an executive position, please contact one of the executive members listed for more information
- RNFOO (Registered Nurses Foundation of Ontario) scholarship application deadlines. 3 PNEIG awards of \$1000.00 each are available to nurse educators in Ontario. See their web site at: www.rnfoo.org

Executive Bio

Anne Simmonds, Chair PNEIG, graduated with a BScN from McMaster in 1982 and completed her Masters of Nursing at University of Toronto in 2001. Anne's career has been focused primarily in Maternal Child nursing and she has a particular interest and expertise in the provision of supportive care to women in childbirth. Anne is presently a professor of Nursing at Seneca College.

Dixie Goetz is a RN/ET at St Mary's general hospital in Kitchener, Ontario. Dixie is the current Treasurer/Finance Officer for the executive.

Beth Cowper-Fung, Co-communications Officer, graduated her BScN from Ryerson University and completed her Masters of Nursing at U of T in 2002. Beth is currently working with North York General Hospital program planning and developing a Stroke/Neurology Unit.

Gail Beagan, Co-communications Officer, graduated from Seneca School of Nursing and has a Masters of Arts in Education. She currently works in the Health Sciences school at Centennial College.

Betty Rowley, is currently working in the role of Nurse Clinician Renal Unit @ North Bay General Hospital. Her previous experience includes the Emergency Department and the

Operating Room. She has recently served 2 terms with the College of Nurses as an Elected Council Member with the last year as the RN Vice President.

PNEIG/RNFOO Scholarships

There are currently (3) scholarships at the Master's Level available to PNEIG members through the Registered Nurses' Foundation of Ontario (RNFOO). For more information please contact Denise King at (416) 599-1925 X 212 or send an e-mail to foundation@rnao.org

2002 Recipient Bio - Yolanda Babenko-Mould

Let me tell you a bit about myself...

I originally graduated as a Registered Nurse in 1993 from Fanshawe College and practiced in the Ottawa area in long-term care. I have always been interested in life-long learning. Therefore, in 1997 I decided to apply to the University of Western Ontario, School of Nursing, Post-RN program. The program was two years in length and I graduated in 2000 with a BScN. The university experience added yet another dimension to my learning in terms of theory and research. It was at this stage that I knew I wanted to pursue an MScN degree. The thought of conducting a research project and broadening my scope of nursing knowledge to ultimately influence patient care was incredibly intriguing. During the MScN program, my professors encouraged my progression in learning and continually fostered a sense of excitement for inquiry. Additionally, I had an opportunity to be a Graduate Teaching Assistant for many undergraduate nursing courses. It was at this point that I realized my passion for learning extended to teaching from a humanist-educative perspective. My commitment to life-long learning continues, and in September my classes commence in the PhD in Nursing program at the University of Western Ontario. Learning never ends - it is a part of our own growth as individuals and nurses. Nursing organizations such as the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario - PNEIG supported this learning journey and for that I will always be thankful.

Yolanda Babenko-Mould RN, MScN

PNEIG Sponsors New Students to Become RNAO Members

In an effort to promote interest in the RNAO among nursing students, PNEIG lead the way by initiating a sponsorship drive. PNEIG was able to sponsor 150 new members through this initiative. In total, RNAO interest groups sponsored 570 students for this membership year.

All 150 students sponsored by PNEIG registered with RNAO in September 2002. They received membership for the last two months of the 2002 membership year and for the entire 2003 membership year. None of the students were members prior to September 2002.

Information on this promotion was disseminated through faculty contacts at each school of nursing, in addition all student liaisons were notified about the free memberships. These people then publicized the free memberships on their campuses through E-mail lists and posted notices.

The 150 free memberships provided by PNEIG were awarded strictly on a first-come, first-served basis. Phone calls, E-mails and applications received were put in order of date received. After the 150 were all claimed, students were awarded one of the free memberships, provided by various other RNAO interest groups.

RNAO International Educator's Conference 2002

Report from Northern Ontario

Most Northern Ontario colleges and universities were presenters at the recent RNAO conference "**Embracing the Future: Educating Tomorrow's Nurses**."

- Laurentian University discussed "**Pioneering Occupational Health Praxis in Baccalaureate Nursing Education**". Presenters included Ellen Ruckholm, the Director of the School of Nursing, Faculty Sharolyn Mossey, Research Assistant Judith Horrigan and Erin McKenna, Director of the Serious Injury Program and Specialty Clinics of WSIB.
- The North Eastern Collaborative Nursing Program (NEOCNP) discussed "**Collaboration in Nursing Education: A work in Progress**". Presenters were Program Coordinators Brenda Roseborough representing Cambrian College, Brenda Warnock from Sault College, Judy Picotte from Northern College and Sharolyn Mossey from Laurentian University. Also presenting were Generic BScN Program Coordinator Emily Donato from Laurentian and Cambrian Professors Judy Pogue and Larisa Aponiuk.
- Georgian College discussed "**Embracing the Learner Through Cooperative Learning**". Presenters were Professors Cherylyn Cameron and Nina Koniuch and Anne Marie McAllister, Program Educator at the Royal Victorian Hospital in Barrie.
- Nipissing University and Canadore College presented "**Perceptions of RNs and Students of the First Year Clinical Shadowing Experience: A Pilot Study**". Presenters were Associate Professor Lynnette Leeseberg from Nipissing University, and Canadore College Professors Kathleen Carmichael, Judy Hendry, and Cyndy Sutherland.
- Lakehead University discussed "**Providing a BScN at a Distance: Innovative Deployment of Scarce Resources**". Presenters included Professors Rhonda Kirk-Gardner and Darlene Steven, Associate Professors Ti King, Glenna Knutson, Karen Maddox, Lorne McDougall, Linda McKay, Michel Morton and Diana Pallen and Assistant Professors Karen Poole and Pat Sevean.
- Ellen Ruckholm, Director of the Laurentian University School of Nursing participated in the presentation "**Ontario Training Centre in Health Services and Policy Research: An Educational Opportunity for Nurses and Decision-Makers**".
- Laurentian University Student, Irene Kousoukis, participated in a CNSA round table discussion entitled: "**Student Experiences in New Integrated Programs: Promoting Seamlessness of Access Between Two Institutions**".

Poster Presentations were submitted by:

- Lakehead University on "**Meeting the Challenge: Innovative Education to Prepare Aboriginal Nurses**". Presenters were Lorne McDougall (Director and Associate Professor), June O'Brien (Coordinator, Native Nurses Entry Program) and Karen Poole (Assistant Professor)
- Georgian College on "**The Lived Experience of Transfer Students in a Collaborative Baccalaureate Nursing Program**". Professor Cherylyn Cameron was the presenter.

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Your Contact Information

Attention all PNEIG members!!

Please take a moment to update your personal contact information on line. Whether it is a change of address/work or home phone/fax number and home/work or email addresses. All you have to do is logon to the RNAO web site at www.rnao.org and access the "Members Only" Section which will provide prompts on how to update your information.

This will give RNAO home office greater capacity to communicate with its members and ensure that members are informed on what their professional organization is doing for them. This will also enhance our email communications initiative, a communications tool in place at some local chapter/interest groups which links a local chapter/interest group "ambassador" with all its chapter/interest group members.

Networking

Valda Christian is currently pursuing her MSN on line with the University of Phoenix. She is keenly interested in corresponding with others enrolled in this program for support and perhaps a book exchange. Valda is also interested in an unofficial mentor. She can be reached at: christiansupport@rogers.com or by phone at: (H) (905)-623-0495, (Cell) (905)-404-4208

Look for the PNEIG

Web site

Coming Soon

It will be linked with www.RNAO.org