

Region One Sarnia Lambton Chapter

newsletter)))

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Message from the President



It is with great pride I introduce the first edition of the RNAO Region One Sarnia Lambton Chapter Newsletter. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep members updated on Local Chapter activities, news and events and advocacy opportunities to promote healthy public policy. There are many ways to become involved and we welcome you to join us at monthly meetings and local events. Please join me in

welcoming new and seasoned members of Sarnia Lambton Board and I invite you consider joining as a board executive.

Alana Halfpenny, Sarnia Lambton Chapter

Meet the Board

President.....	Alana Halfpenny
Past President	Sonja Gould
Treasurer.....	Gwen Harris
Political Action.....	Charlene McMahon
Communications.....	Lori Jennings
Membership.....	Vicki Hawksworth
Student Liason.....	Ashley Pierce
Workplace Liaison Bluewater Health	Lori Jennings Nancy Knowles
Workplace Liaison Aamjiwnaang First Nation	Robin Wood



May 5, 2014 Sarnia Lambton Annual General Meeting with Keynote Speaker Rhonda Seidman-Carlson speaking out on Horizontal Violence in the workplace.

Rhonda Seidman-Carlson, Ashley Pierce, Gwen Harris, Sonja Gould, Alana Halfpenny

In the News:



25 Year RNAO Member Gina Taylor receives award at RNAO Sarnia Lambton Chapter AGM



Nursing Students Active in RNAO Student Executive

2013 Year in Review

END: Engage with registered nurses and nursing students to stimulate membership and promote the value of belonging to their professional organization.

- Active student representative- using college website to circulate local and provincial RNAO news
- Optimized local chapter Facebook page and region 1 Facebook to keep members informed
- Annual pizza luncheon for Lambton College nursing students and presentation by RNAO board members on the benefit of being a RNAO member as well as distributing free student memberships sponsored by Local RNAO Board Members
- Participation at Sarnia Remembrance Day ceremony, laying a wreath "On behalf of nurses who have served our country and continue to do so."
- Co-hosted the 2nd annual free family skating event with the Professional engineers for nurses and their families during the Christmas holidays
- Hosted a webcast of the new PLP requirements
- RNAO information at display booths during events such as Infection Control, Falls Prevention workshop and Complex Surgical Patient Conference. RNAO information booth is now present at the monthly Bluewater Health orientation sessions.
- Nursing week activity event "Raise a cup to Flo" partnering with Coffee Lodge to provide free beverage to nurses in the community.

END: RNAO speaks out on emerging issues that impact on nurses and the nursing profession, health and health care.

- Evolving scopes of practice and impact on RNs
- Successful publication of editorials to both local newspapers in response to homelessness in our community.
- Spoke out on importance of Influenza vaccination with the nursing profession

END: RNAO influences healthy public policy to positively impact the determinants of health, supporting Medicare and strengthening a publicly funded, not-for-profit health-care system.

- Nursing week 2014- MPP Bob Bailey participated in take your MPP to work by joining a nurse from Lambton Public Health at a clinic in Petrolia.
- Attended by invitation to participate in the Social Services Roundtable meeting with Bob Bailey and members of the social services in the community to discuss gaps in the system. This was a result of meeting with Mr. Bailey as part of the Queens Park on the Road (QPOR).
- Our Political Action member continues to participate in the QPOR program.
- Participation at the Queen's Park this year – Alana Halfpenny

Take your MPP to Work

Bob Bailey hears from the front line at the Mom and Baby drop-in at the Hub Early Years Centre located in Petrolia.



Kathy McCallum, Public Health Nurse, Lambton Public Health; Sheri Vanderbent, Program Co-ordinator Ontario Early Years Centre, Petrolia; Bob Bailey MPP for Sarnia-Lambton; Charlene McMahon, Manager Family Health, Lambton Public Health

"Raise a Cup to Flo"
In honour of Florence
Nightingale's
Contributions to
Nursing and Health
Care

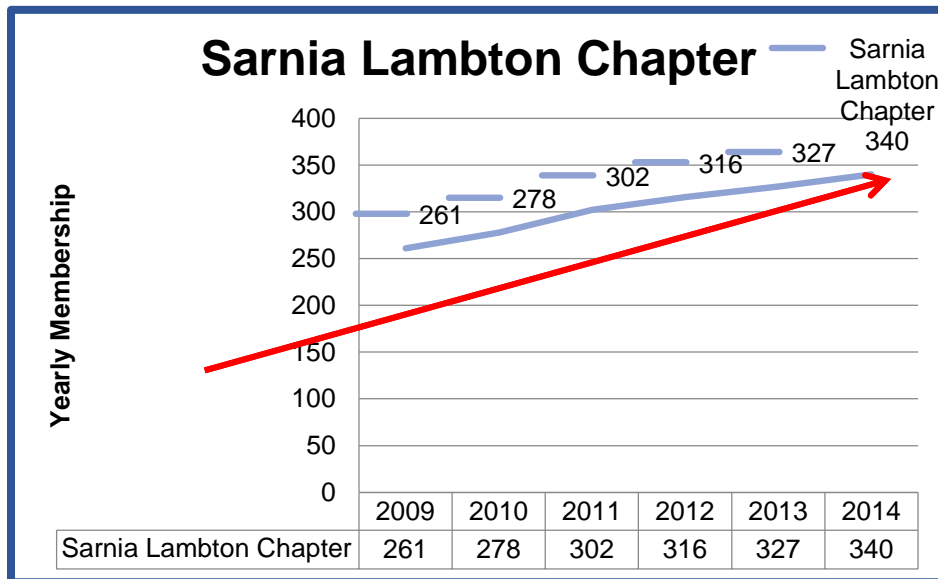


RNAO Sarnia Lambton Chapter in Partnership with the Coffee Lodge Provide free coffee to Nurses during Nursing Week 2014

Membership Report – Gwen Harris

One of our chapter goals this past year was the recruitment and retention of members. Our membership as of the end of May is 340 of which 39 members are students. This compares with 327 at the end of September 2013.

Annual Recruitment strategies include informative presentations by RNAO members for Lambton College nursing students and other health care organizations.



Student Executive Report – Ashley Pierce



I have been fortunate enough to have been elected as the Student Executive Member of the Sarnia Lambton Chapter of the RNAO. I say fortunate because as a student I have learned so much, about the professionalism of nursing and about the impact to our nursing practice from the Best Practice Guidelines, especially when Bluewater Health, a local hospital, became a spotlight organization. I have had many opportunities to volunteer and collaborate with many

local professional nurses and health care professionals and it has been very encouraging and enriching towards my student nursing career. I have had many opportunities to network with local nurses to develop a stronger understanding of the dynamic role of a nurse and I have been able to develop more concrete goals for my future. I am eager to finish my current position as student nurse and proceed professionally as a nurse and I look forward to a change in my role with the RNAO from Executive Student Member to another role which is better suited to my professional position.

Meetings

Monthly Board Meetings are scheduled on the 2nd Monday of the month

Location:

Bluewater Health, 89 Norman Street, Sarnia, Ontario
Room L-2-662

Time: 1800-2000

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

September 8, 2014
October 6, 2014

(Please note date changed due to Thanksgiving)

All members are

welcomed to attend.



Family Skate December

2013