

## WELLINGTON CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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EDITION

### Presidents Report

*Dear members and Executive of the Wellington Chapter  
Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO),*

I am thankful for this opportunity, to extend autumn greetings and to write this president's report.



The total number of members currently associated with Wellington Chapter is **546**, the highest number of members in our chapter to date!

Over the past year, our vibrant members have participated in teleconferences, webinars, chapter meetings, and workplace and community events. Most recently chapter members met with MPP Ted Arnott for Queens Park on the Road (QPOR). We volunteer, work, play and live well in Guelph-Wellington.

Let us all secure an opportunity to celebrate nursing and health by attending the Wellington Chapter RNAO Annual General Meeting December 2, 2014- **Save the date!**

In closing this report, I write as I sing that to everything - turn, turn, turn. In this fall season - turn, turn, turn. It is the time for every member to renew. To save time and the environment, join or renew RNAO by visiting the **NEW** user friendly online application at <http://myrnao.ca/join>. If you know a nurse that may be interested in joining RNAO, discuss your RNAO experience and welcome them to join Wellington Chapter RNAO.

Thank you for your continuous Wellington Chapter RNAO membership!

Sincerely,

Keree Green, RN. BScN.

Acting Co-President (October and November 2014) and Membership & Services ENO, Wellington Chapter RNAO

## NEW executive decision regarding Facebook!



Due to feedback from our Wellington Chapter members, it was decided at our last meeting that we would allow ALL members of the RNAO Wellington Chapter Facebook group the opportunity to post on our Facebook page. Please keep in mind the RNAO guidelines for using social media and also think about whether what you would like to post is relevant. (i.e., is it happening in the Wellington area? Is it related to nursing practice? nursing in the news, etc...) Join our Facebook group today!

<http://rnao.ca/news/socialmediaguideline>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1407638406137100/>

## RNAO AGM 2014 and Visionary Leadership

At the Annual General Meeting this past May, RNAO released a new document entitled:

***Visionary Leadership: Charting a Course for the Health System and Nursing in Ontario.***

This bold vision encompasses every aspect of the health system and outlines RNAO's short, medium and long term goals as well what we need to focus on to get there. To view more information about this and to see the full document, follow the link below

<http://rnao.ca/vision>



### Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2014

Denise Peddle, Samantha Cohen and Tabitha Kellendonk had the opportunity to attend the AGM this past May in Toronto as consultation representatives. It was a great few days that saw a lot of passionate discussion surrounding the resolutions. In the end both resolutions (RN voice in national discussion of end of life care and accessibility of educational opportunities for staff nurses) passed. To view photos, video reports and the annual report please follow the link below.

<http://rnao.ca/news/annual-general-meeting-agm-wrap>

Helen Tindale (Chapter President)



Picture to the left: Tabitha, Denise and Samantha at AGM in Toronto.

Picture to the right: Samantha at AGM in Toronto



## Political Action/Queens Park on the Road (QPOR)

On **October 16th** Political Action Executive Network Officer (ENO) Samantha Cohen, Communications ENO Tabitha Kellendonk and fellow Wellington Chapter RNAO member Debbie Friesen met with MPP Ted Arnott for Queens Park on the Road. Discussions included topics around RN prescribing, Health System Structural Reform and RN employment. We thank Ted for meeting with us!



## Wellington Chapter AGM coming soon!

Wellington Chapter is having our Annual General Meeting December 2nd. Here are the details below:

**When:**

**Tuesday December 2nd 2014:** registration at 5:30pm, dinner at 6:00pm, business meeting and presentation of pins will take place at 6:30pm. Guest speakers from 7:00pm-8:30pm.

**Where:** Groves Memorial Community Hospital, Fergus Ontario in the in-service classroom

**Topic:** Ebola: The facts and lived experience

**Guest Speakers:** A nurse who has been to Africa to help out with the Ebola crisis: Dorothy McEachern, RPN. will be talking about her "lived experience". Jill Richmond, Waterloo Wellington Infection Control Nurse, Public Health Ontario will also be speaking about Ebola

As there has been increasing news coverage surrounding Ebola this event is both relevant and helpful for anyone who wants to know more about this disease.

## Updated Executive

Please find below an updated list of our Wellington Chapter Executive Members and their positions:

**Helen Tindale:** Co- President (htindale@rnao.ca)

**Deb Warren:** Co-President (On leave)

**Keree Green:** Membership and Services ENO and acting president (October and November) (kgreen@rnao.ca)

**Tanya Murtagh:** Finance ENO (tmurtagh@rnao.ca)

**Tabitha Kellendonk:** Communications and Public Relations ENO & Workplace Liaison ENO  
(tkellendonk@rnao.ca)

**Samantha Cohen:** Political Action ENO (scohen@rnao.ca)

**Denise Peddle:** Information Management and Technology ENO (dpeddle@rnao.ca)

**Tricia Stiles:** Member at Large (tstiles@rnao.ca)

**Student ENO position:** VACANT

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