

NSGNA Presidents Message



It seems like yesterday that I was chatting with many of you at the 25th AGM and Education Conference in Halifax at St. Georges Greek Orthodox Church and Community Centre. Feedback from participants was that the conference was a resounding success. The theme "The Geriatric Giants: Don't Miss Their Footprints" encapsulated the main challenges that the gerontological nurse encounters; incontinence, intellectual impairment, instability, skin integrity and immobility.

I hope that all of the NSGNA members have had a wonderful 2009 and 2010 and that you are as excited as I am about the up-coming year. I'd like to take this time to thank all of the executive members for all their hard work through out the year and welcome any new members of the executive that join us on our quest to build the NSGNA organization. I would like to thank outgoing executive members Debbie Stewart-Thorne, Rosalind Benoit and Barbara Lyons Cardinal for their many years of hard work with the association; I know I couldn't have completed my term without their commitment and expertise. I'd like to welcome some new faces to our executive; Dana McNamara Morse (President Elect), Goldie Vey (Treasurer), Tara Salsman (Annapolis Region Rep.), Jill Taylor (Atlantic Region Rep.) and Donna MacKinnon-Clarke (Atlantic Region Rep.). To all of the executive past and present thank you for volunteering your time and energy towards the promotion of gerontological nursing and advocacy on behalf of Nova Scotia seniors.

Some exciting things to look forward to over the coming months:

- The 26th Annual AGM & Education Day will be a conjoint effort by South Shore Health (DHA1) & the Western Region. Mark your calendars for May 13th (evening) and May 14thdetails to follow!!!
- The CGNA AGM will be held in Halifax this summer during the CNA Biennium June 7th- 9th. The tentative date is Sunday June 6th, 2010.
- CGNA has signed a contract with Malachite, an organization that offers a suite of services which include on-line registration for NSGNA members. This is at no additional cost to NSGNA and offers us the ability to communicate on-line and share information. Instructions will be sent to members soon!!! No computer, no worries as you will be able to send in your registration as per usual.

It's hard to believe that this is my last year as your President!

I have had a wonderful time meeting all you fantastic gerontological nurses over the last 3 ½ yrs and look forward to the next few months as things wind-down.

I know Dana has many wonderful ideas to move the association forward and is excited about being your new President.

Thank you for all your support.

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