Hot this Fall!

Not a quiet summer! There was so much activity on many fronts—weather, politics, “bed pressures”, bug bites and renovations—and that was in our ‘professional’ homes.

Now that it is ‘fall’ the energy, enthusiasm and events are ramping up. The Provincial Board is exploring avenues to share chapter / local support for the smaller in number groups—in part to promote involvement and to lessen the pressure of administrative aspects. More on this later in the fall.

In promotion of older adult issues and in particular a focus on dementia strategies CGNA has connected with the provincial governments; and both CARNA and CLPNA are holding conference events focusing on older adult issues.

Stay tuned as more to come ….

Lynne Moulton, president@agna.ca

Advocacy Committee

The Provincial Advocacy committee chaired by Dr. Sandra Hirst is pleased to announce the appointments of Martha Neguse and Mychelle Blackwood, both accepting one year terms to the committee. Their initial planning includes a fresh look for the Advocacy page on the website with diverse and engaging perspectives on current issues along with the invitation to join the conversation!

Please contact - advocacy@agna.ca
A hearty thank you to our CARNA liaison!

News has been received from Barb Diepold, CARNA Regional Coordinator, Northeast and long standing AGNA liaison informing that she is leaving her position as of 30 September 2014.

To Barb we offer our heartfelt congratulations as you explore new vistas and much thanks for your support, guidance and promotion of our specialty practice!

‘It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as the CARNA liaison for AGNA these past years. AGNA members are so enthusiastic and passionate at what they do and who they serve. I wish I could bottle this and spread it around...’

Barb Diepold

CGNA also promotes a National Dementia Strategy

Through our conjoint membership with the Canadian Gerontological Nursing Association we continue to support a national dementia strategy. In July Dr. Lynn McCleary, President of CGNA sent letters to all of the provincial premiers regarding this issue supporting the Alzheimer’s Association of Canada promotion of a national dementia strategy. A response from the Alberta Government from the office of the Health Minister was recently received. Both letters can be viewed on our website (click here).

‘I have requested that Ministry staff consider CGNA as we work to develop provincial and national initiatives to improve dementia care and outcomes’

Fred Horne, Minister of Health

Professional Events of interest

Upcoming education—networking events with a focus on the older adult -

CARNA –
www.nurse.ab.ca
3 November in Calgary – ‘RN Solutions for Older Adult Care’
www.carnaconference.ca

CLPNA –
www.clnpa.com
23 October in Edmonton
‘Senior’s care, Innovation and Dementia’ Think Tank

AGNA Travel Mug at Work!
Where has your travel mug been? Many thanks to Jacqueline Doran for suggesting!
Continuing the Conversation

‘It is easy to forget why we became nurses, what we enjoy about our profession, and why we do what we do.’

At the April 25th AGNA conference Shawna Reid’s poster tweaked many delegates interest and has stimulated the continuation of the conversation of why we chose gerontological nursing (or why the field chose us!). Shawna has generously shared her poster and information of an article written to accompany the poster has been submitted to the International Journal of Nursing Student Scholarship for publication. Information on publication will be shared when available.

Shawna is currently attending the University of Alberta Masters Nursing program.

‘I am more than happy to do whatever I can if it brings integrity, dignity, joy or comfort to the older adults for whom I care.’

Shawna Reid
Provincial Study Group
Last fall AGNA conducted a pilot virtual study group to support members registered for the April C.N.A. Gerontological Certification examination. AGNA Provincial is committed to developing this aspect of connecting members across the province and to this end is pleased to offer an expanded study support group.

Alberta Gerontological Nurses Association
Provincial Study Support Group
Province wide virtual group on-line / teleconferencing
From January to March 2015

Information details on the AGNA website www.agna.ca
-select the Education tab then Study Groups

Registration for the group opens 27 October 2014
Information session the week of 24 November 2014

Contact us at StudyGroups@agna.ca

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