



Reporting Period: April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016
AGM – April 21, 2016

LONDON AND AREA CHAPTER

1. Dissemination of Knowledge and Expertise (Education)

Education Committee Chair - Ann Jarvie

May 6, 2015: Set up a table with our display board, promotional materials and chapter banner at the Geriatric Medicine Refresher Day

May 11-15, 2015: Set up display in various sites within St. Joseph's Health Care, Parkwood Institute during Nursing Week

September 12, 2015: Invited RN and RPN students and faculty from Western /Fanshawe to a barbecue at a church near the campus. Students were free. After lunch and introductions, Dr. Georgina Ugo presentation was well received - 6 members and 15 non-members attended.

September 28, 2015: Our own Dr. Georgina Ugo presented *The Impact of Caring for Seniors on the Caregiver's Stress Level*. Held in the Mental Health Care Building Auditorium and offered through OTN webcast - 18 members and 4 non-members attended.

November 4, 2015: The 3rd education event for 2015, not including the special events, student BBQ, was the *Geriatric Psychiatry Symposium* at the Lamplighter Inn & Conference Centre - approx. 200 attendees. Our chapter was one of the sponsors in the amount of \$1,000.00. We also had a display table in the atrium to show what we are about. We purchased a DVD of "Alive Inside" to be shown at a later date as one of our "special events".

Monday, November 16, 2015: Special Events Evening - Popcorn and Movie Night: "Alive Inside". This event was held at St. Luke's Anglican Church, again thanks to Ann Jarvie. Our attempt to engage the nursing students was not successful related to competing priorities and evening darkness for the University students. The movie, which documents the Memories and More Project was well worth watching by the few in attendance.

Monday, April 4, 2016: Dr. Bonnie Purcell Ph.D., C. Psych was our speaker presenting the very informative topic of *Screening and Harm Reduction Approaches for Alcohol-related Problems in Long-term Care*. We held this as an OTN event and it was also available by Live Webcast. We were disappointed that so few people joined us since Bonnie is such an expert in this field.

2. Professional Advocacy Activities

PA Chair - Dr. Georgina Ugo

No specific chapter events but continue to maintain open communication with the Middlesex-Elgin RNO and support their events on an individual basis.

3. Membership Report

Membership Chair - Marion Nagel. *Incoming chair Kris Pettit will be assuming duties in the next quarter.*

We are extremely thankful to Marion for her many, many years as the membership chair. She has faithfully and cheerfully supported many chapter activities and promises to continue to encourage us with her presence.

London Chapter currently has a total membership of **117**, including 53 free students. There are 20 lapsed members.

4. Local Chapter Financial Report

Treasurer - Patricia MacKay
Please contact Pat directly for financial details.

5. Local Board Recruitment

We are thrilled to announce that we have an incoming Chapter President, Amanda Dodge, who has been our student liaison and has a passion for Gerontological Nursing. Carol will become Past President and will mentor Amanda in her new role. Amanda has successfully recruited her replacement of another student with an interest in care of the elderly. We continue to search for members who would like to enrich our chapter activities by assuming one of the vacant executive positions:

- a. President Elect
- b. Secretary
- c. Communications Chair

6. Local Chapter Executive Committee Activities

November 2015 executive planning for Popcorn/Movie night was via e-mail
March 7, 2016 at Shelley's Restaurant - 5 executive members present. Very productive meeting.

7. Of Special Mention (Issues, Concerns, Celebrations)

The Executive has reviewed and revised our Chapter Position Roles and Responsibilities documents and aligned them more closely with the roles as described in the recruitment letter sent to all the chapters last autumn. One of the more significant changes was to the position formerly known as Editorial Chair. Judy Tigert has been sending an electronic version of our newsletter known as The Sage, to all our members. She has done a wonderful job of creating it but with her resignation we have reconsidered future objectives. We are now recruiting for the role of Communications Chair and are looking for a member with social media skills combined with an interest in Geriatrics. We thank Judy for all the effort she has contributed to our chapter activities.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Miller, President - London and Area Chapter