



**Welcome to the 12th issue of the CACCN's Critical Connections Bulletin!
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The CACCN is pleased to bring you this monthly email to keep you informed regarding the latest association news, events, and contests.

CACCN WELCOMES NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The BOD met at the London Hilton on April 2 and 3, 2008. During this meeting three Directors ended their terms and we welcomed three new Directors to the team.

2008-2009 New Board of Directors

Cecilia Hyslop	President, Central Region
Kate Mahon	Vice President & Director Publications and Research, Eastern region
Joanne Baird	Treasurer, Eastern Region
Teddie Tanguay	Web Developer, Western Region
Pamela Cybulski	Director Retention and Recruitment & Secretary, Central Region
Tricia Bray	Director Corporate Sponsorship/Awards, Certification - Western Region

Chapter Liaison

Kate Mahon	Nova Scotia, New Brunswick
Joanne Baird	London Regional, Montreal
Teddie Tanguay	Edmonton, Manitoba, Saskatchewan
Tricia Bray	Calgary, British Columbia
Pam Cybulski	Toronto, Ottawa

CACCN WELCOMES NEW NATIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

The Board of Directors is pleased to welcome Christine Halfkenny-Zellas to the role of National Administrator. Christine brings with her incredible organizational skills and several years of administrative experience. Please join us by welcoming Christine to our team the next time you correspond with our national office.

DYNAMICS 2008 - September 28 to 30

- Watch for the Brochure included in the summer Journal
- The planning committee is working hard to make this year's Anniversary Celebration a fantastic event

NURSES WEEK CONTEST 2008

- May 12 to 18, 2008
- Send in a picture, story, or poem that communicates what you consider are the silver linings of critical care nursing.
- This contest request honours the fact that CACCN is celebrating its 25th Anniversary in 2008!
- You can win Early Bird Tuition for a Member to the Dynamics 2008 Conference in beautiful Montreal, Quebec
- Contest closes May 2, 2008

JOB LINKS – ARE YOU PROMOTING YOUR HOSPITAL TO CRITICAL CARE NURSES ACROSS CANADA?

- Check out the [JOB LINKS](#) page on our web site.
- Share this link opportunity with the HR/Recruiting team at your facility.
- JOB LINKS provides a great one-stop forum for current critical care nursing opportunities.

CACCN AWARDS

- Take advantage of the various awards offered through the CACCN.
- Click [here](#) for a link to our award information.
- Please Note – The B Braun Mentorship Award deadline has been changed to June 1st

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

- June 1, 2008 – Deadline for [BBraun Mentorship Award](#) applications (\$1000).
- June 1, 2008 - Deadline for [Brenda Morgan Leadership Excellence Award](#) applications
- June 1, 2008 - Deadline for [Baxter Scholarship Submissions](#) (\$2,500-5,000)

SILVER ANNIVERSARY CHAPTER CHALLENGE

- Seeds of Thought: Look at this great idea created by the Calgary Chapter
- CACCN Calgary Chapter's most recent fundraising initiative is helping critical care nurses recognize each other as they "Help CACCN Grow a Recognition Garden."
- A poster was created for each critical care area in the city depicting a garden scene with the flowers missing from the top of the flower stems. Calgary Chapter's garden grows by buying a foam flower for \$1 and writing the name of someone and a comment about that person to recognize their contribution to nursing, mentoring, team work, patient care or just because, and then placing it on a stem.
- The purpose and instructions to "Help CACCN Grow a Recognition Garden" was included on the poster with flowers on sale until the end of Nurses Week 2008.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

"You must do the thing you think you cannot do."

Eleanor Roosevelt

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Celebrating 25 years of critical care advocacy in 2008!