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President's Message

Our current president, Ellen Reil, currently works at the General Systems Intensive Care Unit at the University of Alberta Hospital as a Clinical Nurse Educator. She has a vast set of experiences to draw from, and strongly encourages RN's to continue learning throughout their career.

Here are a few words from Ellen:

Finally, summer has arrived and with it the busy activities we wait for as we trudge through winter. Your chapter executive is busy too. After working with the Dynamics 2010 committee for the national conference, we re-focused on the local group. In March 2011 a well-attended education day was held. Kara and Dan Livy presented 'Gray's Anatomy' – a blending of anatomical structure and practice that nurses could take back to their units. The



*The summer night is like
a perfection of thought.
~Wallace Stevens*

session evaluations confirm that members are looking forward to a return engagement with this duo.

So, what's the near future hold for Greater Edmonton Chapter? Dynamics is October 16 – 18 in London, Ontario. I will be attending the Chapters Connection Day to hear what other groups are doing; their successes, concerns and share our experiences. I hope many will

join me to ensure Edmonton is well represented in London. (Remember to enter the tuition coupon draw) Something all members should note – Dynamics 2012 is in Vancouver and it is time to start thinking about abstracts and posters for presentation. Has your unit rolled out a project / initiative that you think others could benefit from hearing about? Don't forget about the awards available to members – check out the CACCN website.

Our chapter Vice-President, Liane Manz would like to start a journal club. Contact us through the website to send in your topic ideas. We are planning another full-day education session in November. Again, contact us and let us know what you would like to learn / hear about. After all, the executive represents the membership. We want to engage you and through that, strengthen the national voice of those in critical care.

Have a great summer.....

Ellen Reil

From CACCN National Office

As many of you know, the theme for CACCN during Kate Mahon's term as president has been to "Find Your Voice". The board of directors has developed many strategies to Find Your Voice for CACCN. In May we met with the Board of Directors from the American Association of Critical Care Nurses to develop a formal relationship between our two organizations.

It was a successful meeting and we hope to begin working together on projects that are of interest to both organizations. Kate Mahon, President of CACCN, sent a letter to the editor of the Globe and Mail about the recent ethical case of Baby Joseph from London Ontario. You can access the letter on our website under CACCN news.

This fall, at our Board meeting, we will be developing a media strategy to ensure that we continue to Find our Voice.

Don't forget to nominate fellow members for CACCN awards; many times we do not receive any applications. If you know a deserving member, **nominate them**. If you are doing an interesting project, submit for the Space Labs award. This is one of the many benefits of being a CACCN member.

The other exciting news is the extension of Twin and Win. It will now run all year long! So any time that you ask a friend to join make sure that they put your name down and you will receive a discount on your next year membership.

Dynamics 2011 - London, Ontario planning is well on the way. There are many exciting new events at Dynamics this year. To name a few, computer café, simulation labs, nurse one, and main stage in the exhibit hall. In our continued efforts to become the voice of critical care nursing in Canada, Kate Mahon, Rob Fowler of the Canadian Society of Critical Care Medicine and Michelle Stevens Respiratory Therapist will lead a panel discussion on common communication challenges in critical care. Remember that the Greater Edmonton Chapter has tuition coupons and funding to assist with attendance at Dynamics.

As always, it is not just work at Dynamics, come join us as we rock the 80's with dancing and Chapter Karaoke challenge. All members of Greater Edmonton Chapter that are attending Dynamics need to get their singing voices and dancing skills in tune to meet the challenge.

Be There or Be Square!

Teddie Tanguay RN, MN, NP CNCC(C)

Vice-President, CACCN

Western Region

Happenings & Updates from the CACCN-GEC



Dynamics 2011

London, Ontario

*Critical Care Nursing:
Our Kaleidoscope*

October 16-18, 2011



Check out the Chapter Webpage

@ www.CACCN.ca



Bursary Information

Remember!! All members of CACCN Greater Edmonton Chapter are eligible to apply for bursaries of up to \$250.00 to help pay for attendance at many educational events or conferences. The bursary guidelines are available on our website at www.caccn.ca, or contact a member of the executive.



SAVE THE DATE!

2011 Fall Education Day

brought to you by the Greater Edmonton Chapter of the CACCN

Tuesday, November 8, 2011

at the Chateau Louis Conference Center

Watch for a conference brochure coming soon!



Educational Events

Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.
Malcolm Forbes



HEART &
STROKE
FOUNDATION
OF ALBERTA,
NWT & NUNAVUT

Finding answers. For life.

Watch for
upcoming
ACLS Courses
around the
Region in the
Fall of 2011

What's New in ACLS!!!



C-A-B (Circulation-Airway-Breathing)

Atropine no longer indicated in Asystole or PEA

Transcutaneous Pacing is de-emphasized in symptomatic Bradycardias

Defined dosing for Synchronized Cardioversion of differing rhythms

Only 2 doses of Adenosine indicated for stable, narrow complex tachycardias

Stable, monomorphic, wide complex tachycardias may now be cardioverted

Procainamide is indicated for treatment of stable wide complex tachycardias

It's not over until it's over - Post Arrest Algorithm

Around Town



Covenant Health's Ethical Decision-Making in Health Care Conference

was held on Thursday, June 16, 2011.

Our very own Teddie Tanguay and Eugene Mondor presented
"Striking the Right Balance: Perspectives about Death in the ICU"

All accounts from the conference have been EXTREMELY positive and everyone is looking forward next year's conference. Congratulations on a job well done to all who took part.

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