

## London and District periOperative Registered Nurses Association

As you can see by the title of this report we have made the change in title to align ourselves with the provincial group. It has been a year of ups and downs for us. But we are still trying to make education a valued thing in our district.

The membership numbers have remained over the 100 mark and stands at 104 members and 2 honorary members. The 2 honorary members were in recognition of their outstanding contributions to our association over many years.

Since the last annual meeting we were able to provide quite a few dinner meetings. In May of 2006 we had Robyn McKenzie RN RNFA speak to us about cardiac surgery in Africa and 3 of our members gave reports about the ORNAC conference in Montreal. In June Dr. Brian Church spoke to us about his experiences as an anesthetist with the Canadian army in Afghanistan. After the summer break we had Dr. Maggie Rebel speak to us about infertility and invitro for our November meeting. And the new year brought us Dr. Corey Moore with What's New in Facial Cosmetic Surgery.

We tried to arrange meetings for March and June but due to lack of numbers they were cancelled. Unsure if it was the topics or the venue. June's meeting was to be in Woodstock to give others in our district a chance to shine. We will be sending out a survey over the summer to collect information on topics and venues to better meet the needs of the group.

On the bright side we hosted our first one day conference since SARS. The speakers covered a variety of topics: Robotic assisted laparoscopic urologic surgery, Infection prevention and control in the OR, communication as a patient strategy, the London hospitals' experience with crucial conversations, chicken soup for the perioperative soul, and your scars your pain. They were well received for the most part and the day went on without a hitch and was on time. The conference also made a profit to further enable us to fund educational events.

We funded 3 nurses to go to the national conference in Victoria

For the most part it was a good year and we will continue to bring education to our group and rally support for Sandi Walsh as she takes over as the new president of L&DORNA and recruit a new president elect.

Yours sincerely Diane Vinet