

SENORA Regional Report, 2007-2008

We have had another successful year in the SENORA region. We have 52 active members and 7 associate members. Our membership fees are \$50.00 for active and \$30.00 for associate members. In May of 2007 we welcomed Michele Kelly as our president-elect and said goodbye to Karen Stafford, our past-president, as she decided to take a job in the Occupational Health department. So we thank Ellie Leakey for agreeing to continue in the past-president role and guiding Michele and I. In our May meeting we thanked our Treasurer Christine Tobin for two years of wonderful work for us and we now welcome Crystal Fitzpatrick to our executive.

We have had 4 dinner meetings with many interesting speakers. We heard about “cardiac bypass surgery vs angioplasty” from Dr. Andrew Hamilton, “Missionary Medical work in Africa” from Dr. Conrad Watters, “Everything you wanted to know about Ortho, but were afraid to ask” from Dr. Bill Smyth and “Difficult intubation” from Natalie Greensheilds, Anaesthetic Assistant, RRT. We are still enjoying sharing the drive and seeing other parts of our region as each meeting is hosted by a different site.

Our November Education Day was another success as we enjoyed hearing a range of topics including one on breast cancer with a personal account from one of our own members. We had an exciting end to our day as we had our draw for “quilt money”. Many of you may remember 2 years ago we held a fundraiser for a handmade quilt, handcrafted by our past-president’s mother. It was a beautiful quilt and we thank all that bought tickets from us, we appreciate your support. We as the executive finally came to the decision that we would take the money and divide it up equally to give to members as assistance to attend this year’s conference here in Toronto. We set specifications that those names put in the draw needed to be signed up by our September meeting, which is our annual membership drive. It was a great success as we have not had many members join as late members! Those names were then put in the draw that was held at the end of our education day. We are proud to say that we have assisted 4 people to attend this conference who would not have otherwise come.

Michele and a committee of volunteers are hard at work putting together our next education day set for Saturday November 1, 2008. Our location and further details will be available later in the summer on our website.

We have finally gotten our website up and running. It took the committee and webmaster a little while to find a name for our site as SENORA was already taken. They were able to settle on www.senoraonline.ca . We also thank those who spent time on the committee for our website. They have done a wonderful job.

We are now looking forward to a “relaxing” summer off to rejuvenate. We will reconvene in September to further our education and continue our social time with fellow OR nurses!

Respectfully submitted;
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