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Fall/Winter Newsletter 2016

Message from the President of CSORN

Happy fall everyone.

It has been a crazy hot and dry summer in Toronto. It was good for those who were enjoying time off but not so much for those left behind at work!

As you all are aware by now we have a new executive starting out their 2-year term and looking forward to helping move CSORN up a notch as far as membership. Welcome to Kate, Adonis and Linda. We are looking forward to seeing growth in numbers rather than concern around our fee of \$25 per year having to be raised.

I would like to send out a sincere “Thank You” to our out going team, Kathy Bruce who is still acting past President, and to the 3 who have completed terms, Marlene Griffin, Wanda Mulroney, and Janet Powers. You were an amazing group that dedicated countless hours of your personal time from busy lives to keep CSORN alive and well!

There is a new group forming in Quebec. Welcome to Carole Desharnais and her team.

This group will also be hosting our 2017 conference at COS in Montreal. Thank you for this, we are looking forward to another great conference. If there are any interesting topics that you would like to hear about at this or at future conferences, please email ideas to any of us on executive and we will send these ideas onto organizers.

Our web site is now up and running. Please take time to browse through and also to renew your membership for 2017. It is how we track membership numbers and also keep track of all of your current email addresses so that Adonis, our Secretary is able to send you these great newsletters.

Health Care in Canada continues to be challenging balance between insuring that all get access through universal Healthcare and our increasing deficit. Eye care and Ophthalmology get hit with the private/ public battle and we are often caught in the

middle being asked to do more for less. Just always remember your principles of quality and patient care. We as a united voice can make a difference!

Keep up the great work, and see you all in Montreal in 2017.

CSORN Conference June 2016 - Ottawa

Our CSORN Conference in Ottawa was a great success! We would like extend our thanks to the conference coordinator Janet Powers and her team for an educational and entertaining day. Great job Janet!! Minutes from the 2016 General Meeting can be viewed on the website: www.csorn.ca/meetings

COS/CSORN Conference June 2017 – Montreal, Quebec

Next year's Canadian Ophthalmic Society (COS) Symposium will be held June 15 - 18, 2017. The official nursing CSORN conference day will be Friday June 16, 2017. Next year's Conference Coordinator is Carole Desharnais from Montreal, Quebec. Carole has been a conference Coordinator for Montreal in the past. Her experience in organizing a successful Conference is greatly appreciated. Updates will be included in the Spring Newsletter. Please check the COS website www.eyesite.ca for more information, and to register for next year's CSORN Conference. To be eligible for reduced rates for COS you must be a CSORN member (\$25). Non-members pay a higher rate to attend the CSORN Conference..

A reminder, that CSORN Membership Registration MUST be completed by Jan 31, or a \$10 late fee will apply!

Future Conferences

Canadian Glaucoma Society(CGS) Meeting

- January 27-29, 2017 — The Fairmont Hotel, Mont-Tremblant, Quebec

American Academy of Ophthalmology(AAO)

- Nov. 11-14, 2017 — Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, Louisiana

Walter Wright Symposium

- December 2-3, 2016 — Allstream Centre: Exhibition Place in Toronto, Ontario

American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery(ASCRS) Symposium:

- May 5-9, 2017 — Los Angeles Convention Center

Canadian Ophthalmological Society(COS) Annual Meeting & Exhibition

- June 15-18, 2017 — Palais des Congrès in Montréal, Quebec

Provincial Reports

Quebec: *Carole Desharnais*

Historic moments are happening this year in Montreal :

Update from Barbara Kerr

Greetings from the newly developed Academic Cataract Centre of the SMBD Jewish General Hospital.

In January of 2016, the hospital opened a new Operating Room Pavilion with 18 suites. In order to best meet the new direction of the hospital, cataract surgery was removed from the main operating room and a pilot project of a separate clinic was developed in the former one-day surgical unit. It has been an exciting year for myself and the three nurses and two LPN's who signed on for a totally new professional experience. Using my 15 years of operating room experience, combined with AORN/ORNAC standards, an open heart and an open mind we now have one functioning operating room with a second room opening before year's end. I look forward to sharing our journey and experiences with the members of CSORN next year.

Update from Carole Desharnais:

We are very happy to host the 2017 CSORN Symposium, Valerie Rivet, from "Hôpital du Sacré-Coeur" and I met for the first time in October. We did a brainstorming session to find speakers and educational topics that will get your interest.

Also, it's time for the Province of Quebec to have their own CSORN Chapter. We are at the recruitment phase. If any nurses are interested to be part of the group they can contact me at carole.desharnais@yahoo.ca . I can't wait to share ideas and practices with you.

Thank you

Nova Scotia: *Mary Stairs*

Hi All

Fall is quickly upon us and winter is right around the corner. NSHA is under way with a major pack, lens and equipment evaluation for cataract surgery. It is very busy and interesting seeing all the equipment and learning all of the dynamics of the machines and operations. We are planning an education session, late fall for DMEK cornea procedures.

Ontario GTA Chapter: *Marcela Tutay*

Greetings, from the Ontario GTA Chapter.

Our dinner meeting was held on November 9th of 2016 at North York General Hospital, in Toronto. Our guest speaker was Nathalia Lavis. She will be speaking on "Self Awareness through Art therapy". Our meeting was a great success with 25 nurses in attendance.



We had a blast creating these wish dolls.

Ontario Ottawa Chapter: *Rosemary Bickerton*

The Ottawa Chapter is having their annual CSORN dinner on November 24th. This is always a wonderful evening that we host for our ophthalmology nurses. We encourage all our nurses this year to register on-line for their CSORN membership. Our membership is around 35-40 nurses.

What's new in Ottawa?

- We are trialing BSS without the added epinephrine in the bags
- We have inserted over 30 XENs for glaucoma patients with good results
- Case costing project is ongoing with eventual accurate cost per case.
- Lots of staff turnover with retirements

Looking forward to the next year's symposium in Montreal.

British Columbia: *Adonis Manglapus*

Hello everyone,

The VGH Eye Care Centre has been very busy. We have had many retirements in a short period of time. This has made the summer a very busy time for the staff. We have worked extra hard to maintain the highest standard of ophthalmic care. The Eye Care Centre OR has added B&L as a new vendor using the Stellaris Phaco machine. Also we are in the process of replacing our surgical microscopes.

The BC-CSORN Chapter stands at 67 members. We are hoping for a strong membership drive this coming Fall to promote our 2017 registrations. For our upcoming fall meeting, Dr Patrick Ma will present New Imaging Techniques in Retina for our group. This is expected to be well attended (48 people registered). We are Grateful for Bausch and Lomb's Support.

Thank you

From the CSORN Executive we wish you all a very happy Seasons Greetings, and hope to see you in Montreal this June.

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