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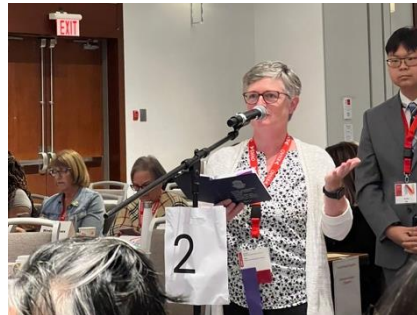
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## Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario Annual General Meeting 2024

This past June, members of the Middlesex-Elgin Chapter attended the 99th annual RNAO AGM in Toronto. This year's theme was 'Nursing: Celebrating successes, solving challenges'. Our region was well represented, sending 11 members consisting of consultative representatives, resolution writers, and board members.



**Left: Volunteer consultative representatives and members other members of our chapter at the AGM. Right: President our chapter Janet Hunt sharing our chapter's achievements for the year with members of the association.**

Huda Mohamed, Communications ENO for the Middlesex-Elgin Chapter attended her first RNAO AGM this year. Huda participated in the annual general meeting as a volunteer consultative representative which allowed her to participate in voting on proposals for the future directions of the RNAO to focus on. She describes it as inspiring and says she felt it was a refreshing to see new ideas being brought forth to the association to continue advocating for. From the exhilarating opening ceremonies to bonding with fellow RNAO members, the Annual General Meeting is a great way to get involved in the

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nursing field from a different perspective than the bedside. Huda hopes to attend next year's annual general meeting and would encourage anyone interested in getting involved with the RNAO by applying to be a consultative representative. Stay tuned for information on the RNAO's 2025 Annual General Meeting!

### **Chapter Social: Bowling Night**

A hallmark figure for the profession of nursing is Florence Nightingale and during the month of May we not only celebrate her work in paving the way for our role but celebrate the profession of nursing itself. During this year's Nursing Week, our chapter welcomed members to Fleetway for a fun night of bowling in celebration of Nursing Week. The night

was filled with fun as members enjoyed refreshments and pizza and caught up with other members while meeting new members!



**Members, family, and friends of the Middlesex-Elgin chapter enjoying bowling at Fleetway.**

As the night concluded, our chapter celebrated the end of the night by presenting awards to recipients of the 'Nominate a Nurse or Nursing Student Contest' and '2024 Bursary Award'. The Nominate a Nurse or Nursing Student Contest recognizes a person who stands out for their love and commitment to the profession while the 2024 Bursary Award is an initiative offered through our chapter to support the financial costs towards nursing education.

The Nominate a Nurse or Nursing Student Contest Winners included Bridget Taylor (Student of Distinction Award), Paige Grenier (Student of Distinction Award), Aira Guerrero (Excellence in Direct Patient Care), and Karen Burnett (Excellence in Indirect Patient Care). The 2024 Bursary Award recipients included Rebecca Arcieri, Lallu Sara John, and Danielle Gibbs. Middlesex-Elgin Chapter would like to again congratulate this year's recipients on receiving these awards. We look forward to recognizing more members next year!

## **Upcoming events:**

### **Sign the Petition!**

Let us make Pharmacare a reality. While Bill C-64 has passed the second reading at the Senate, the bill still requires royal assent. Use your voice and sign the petition to help ensure Ontarians receive a universal, comprehensive, single-payer pharmacare program. Read more about the petition here:

<https://rnao.ca/policy/action-alerts/lets-make-pharmacare-happen>

### **Annual General Meeting**

Missed the AGM? Not to worry, just click on this link and watch here for updates on the resolutions proposed along with a summary of the association's objectives and awards:

<https://rnao.ca/events/aggm>

### **Events**

Interested in becoming more involved in the RNAO? The association offers many events you can join both in person and online! Click this link to learn more:

<https://rnao.ca/events>



**Left: Danielle Gibbs (left) and Karen Burnett (right), winners of the 2024 Bursary Award and Excellence in Indirect Patient Care award respectively. Right: Janet Hunt, president, announcing the award ceremony portion of the evening.**

### **Take Your MPP to Work!**

On May 3, Middlesex-Elgin chapter executive members met with members of the London Intercommunity Health Centre and MPP constituents and their representatives to learn about Home Outreach Mobile Engagement (HOME) Program. Peggy Sattler (MPP for London West), Terence Kernaghan (MPP for London North Centre), Heidi Machel (Constituency Assistant, representing Rob Flack, MPP for Elgin-Middlesex-London), and Jenn Earle (Constituency Assistant, representing Teresa Armstrong, MPP for London Fanshawe) were in attendance.



**Members of the Middlesex-Elgin Chapter with our MPP representatives and employees of the London Intercommunity Health Centre pictured following a tour of the HOME bus and program initiatives.**

After a formal welcome from the LIHC team, the guests were first invited for a tour of the HOME bus by the HOME team to learn about how the program utilizes the bus to provide primary care to the population's most vulnerable. The politicians were able to witness objectives from the Enhancing Care for Ontarians report (ECCO) in action and ask questions about the program. Following the tour, members were invited for refreshments and discussion with staff about the positive impact of the HOME program while reviewing supporting literature and reports from the LIHC program. Main outcomes and takeaways from the discussion between the politicians and staff

surrounded the importance of expanding opportunities for staffing primary healthcare workers to increase reach for the program as well as the importance of strengthening the provision of primary care to support the health of vulnerable populations. RNAO Middlesex-Elgin chapter looks forward to hosting next year's Take Your MPP to work and continuing to highlight the important work of nurses.

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